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この世界はなぜ
大人になる前に終わってしまうのか
そんな時代に
人は、生まれ

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It is said that long ago, people believed *"the world repeated itself."*

As the grass and flowers bloom anew every year,

as the night turns into morning,

as civilizations crumble and rise from their own ashes.

But the "world" will not repeat itself again.

This tiny world will end before we grow up.

This is the story of a boy and a girl born in these times.

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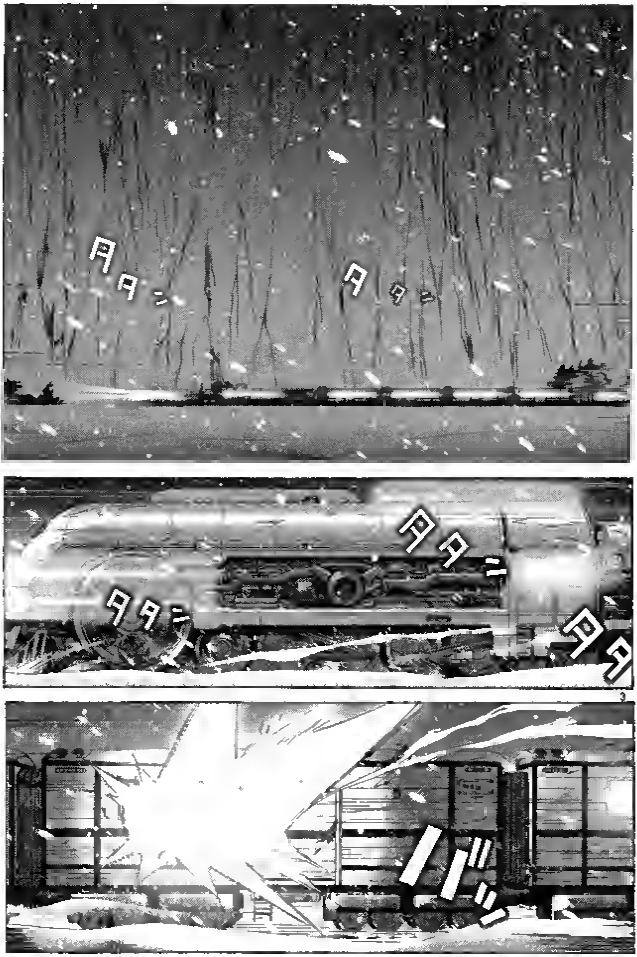
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Don't let any brigands...
into the front half of the train!
hahh
hahh
hahh
Kill 'em! Don't let anyone who enters get out alive!!

カガガガ
Arrgh! Take that!
Stop, Kili! Run!
Boss! Kili and Rai are down!!
Blast! What is the "Warmonger Tribe" doing packed into a "Politick Tribe" cargo train?!
Roger!
I'll hold them off here! Give me a signal when you've secured the route!
All troops!
Bail out from the front car!

Something's fishy I should have figured the Warmongers and Politicks were joining forces in secret...
How could our "legendary" band of brigands make such a mistake?!
Damn this door is tough...!
It's open!!

...what's in this room...?
Not a single window...?
ドゥン
ドゥン
ドゥン

I've never seen one before...
...I didn't think it was real...
What are you doing, Wiza?!
ドクン
ドクン
ドクン
What is it, Wiza? Hurry and...
No...
It can't be...
Wiza?
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...A Hitogata...
What?

S H I N P r e s e n t s !
"KIMI NO KAKERA" (Your Pieces)
「きみのカケラ」
LOOK FOR ONE PIECE.
TO THE FUTURE OF YOURS.
SHIN Presents! are...
TAKESHI SAKAMOTO SATOKO SUGIMOTO.
TASUTOMO NISHIO. MIO OKUBA ASUKA YAMAGUCHI.
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SAORI OKA. YUKI OKAMURA. TSUNTARO KATOU. YUMIKO [redacted]
TAKASHI IKEDA. YAYOI OIZA. NAOMI SUGAMOTO.
with SHIN TAKAHASHI.

Ohhhh...
My men, my men,
they're burning—
What is it?!
What is that "flame" from...?!
... Hitogata ...?

Kimi no Kakera

Chapter One

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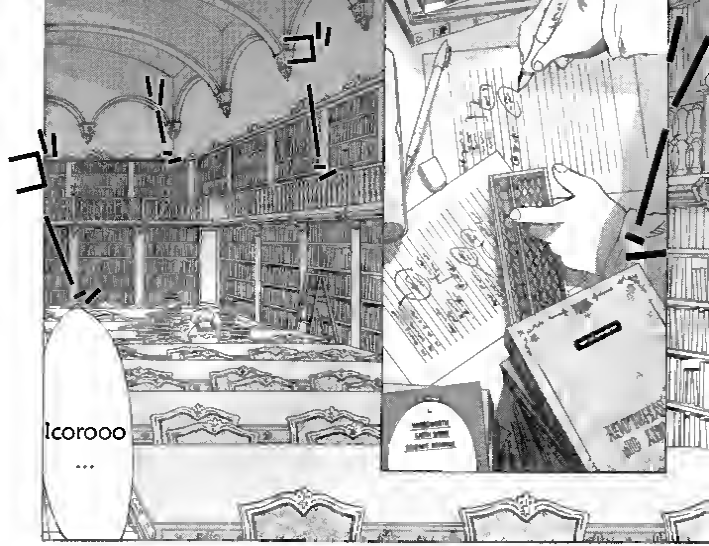
LOOK FOR ONE PIECE TO THE FUTURE OF YOURS

第一章


Icorooo
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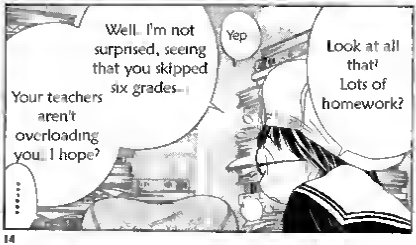
Well. I'm not surprised, seeing that you skipped six grades...
Your teachers aren't overloading you, I hope?
.....
Yep
Look at all that! Lots of homework?

Icoro! The library is going to close
kay

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Gosh, this looks tough...
Not that it matters, seeing that we're all going to die

Book Title Introduction to Solar Studies

This land...

Is surrounded
by high walls,
steadily filling
up with snow,
waiting to
die
that's all
there is

Whoa, there.
Whoa down down.

What was that noise?
Sounded just like that train accident, a year ago...
Only a lot quieter...

...that flame
still hasn't gone out...

Some things you just can't explain...
Gramma and my teachers said they don't know why
The flame from the train accident in the Lower World over a year ago still hasn't gone out

I don't know myself— never been down from the Upper World...
What's the Lower World like, Sakura—?

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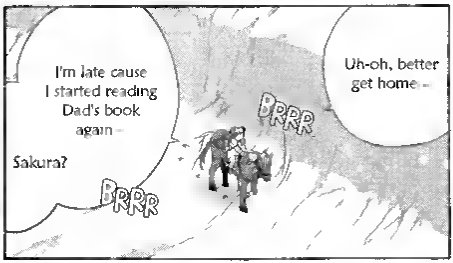
I'm late cause I started reading Dad's book again—
Sakura?
BRRR
BRRR
Uh-oh, better get home—

*see Readme.txt

Will you take me home if you cheer up? Hmm?
Now, don't be afraid...
My grampa said that it's never moved once, even since HIS grampa's time

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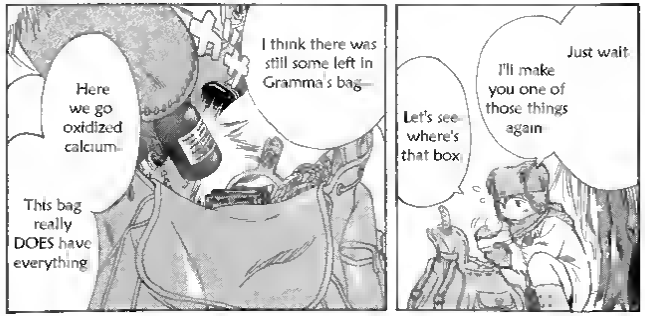
Here we go oxidized calcium.
I think there was still some left in Gramma's bag—
This bag really DOES have everything
Let's see where's that box
Just wait. I'll make you one of those things again

I'll put the oxidized calcium in the box...
The cold must cut you to the bone now that you're gettin' older hmm?
Watch I'll make something to warm you up right now
MMF CHOMP MMF CHOMP
PTU
MMF MMF
CHOMP CHOMP CHOMP
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Does that feel better? Will you be all right? Can you take me home?
There
Hmm?
Now I'll wrap this up to your face with the muffler... there, feeling warmer already?
CaO + H2O -> Ca(OH)2 + heat, understand, Sakura?
Oooh...
cold
BRRR

I'm out past my curfew again, Gramma's gonna yell at me.
Whoa there— look out!
Be careful, girl— If you trip and stumble, we might fall all the way down to the Lower World and die.

YOUR HIGH-NESS!
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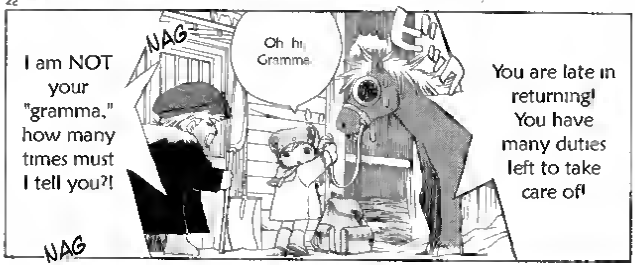
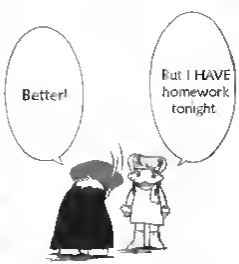

I am NOT your "gramma," how many times must I tell you?!
NAG
NAG
Oh hi, Gramma.
You are late in returning! You have many duties left to take care of!

You will address me as Shah, your servant! As princess, it is the LEAST you can do to uphold your royal heritage by minding your words!
NAG
NAG

Now, get ready to perform your duties! Today you must clean the Parliament Hall and prepare dinner for...
-snag-

-snag-
You HAVE!
But I got homework tonight...
Um...

Don't you understand the weight of your duties?!
GRR
You can use part of your sleeping time for doing homework!
So you're still mad...


Better!
But I HAVE homework tonight

PRINCESS ICORO!
But... I have exams next year and...

A country of ice where the temperature is always below freezing
This is a country of night, surrounded on four sides by towering walls
A country of winter, where the snow never stops piling up

but that is all the people have
Agriculture and hunting can provide only the most meagre of existences.

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You must not forget that your education was paid for by the taxes taken from the poor citizens of the Lower World.
Understand? It takes money just to send you to school.

...but it's heavy, and I...
YOUR BAG!
You've forgotten your bag!
NO!

Now, attend to your duties!
And I have work to see to as well, so you'll have to take care of your brother when you return
Okay. bye-bye

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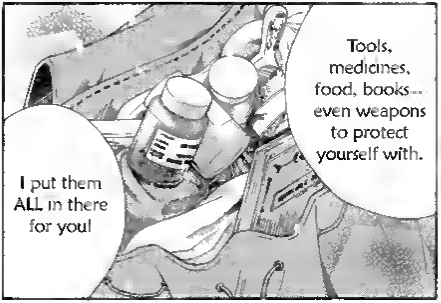
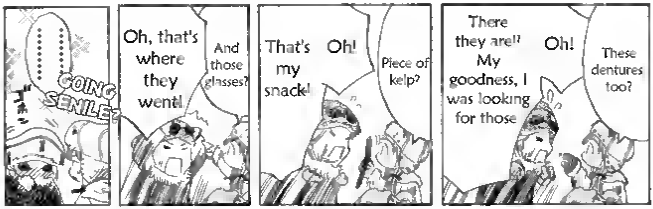
That BAG is full of many different things designed to help you through anything that might happen to you.

Understand? You are the PRINCESS of this realm!!


Tools, medicines, food, books... even weapons to protect yourself with.
I put them ALL in there for you!


GOING SENILE?
Oh, that's where they went!
And those glasses?
That's my snack!
Oh!
Piece of kelp?
There they are!! My goodness, I was looking for those
Oh!
These dentures too?

Rather than rely on the strength of others, follow your best-thought-out plan— that becomes your answer
You see? There is no easy answer for everything you will find in this world

Otherwise, you will not be able to protect the royal family while the king and queen are gone!
You will be thirteen soon, so you must be worthy of becoming an adult!!

Icoro
Yes
—do you under stand?

don't go

Mommy's going to be leaving for a while, so you have to take care of Mataku at home

no, I don't want it
don't go

This piece has been handed down from queen to queen for generations
You have to keep the royal line while Mommy and Daddy are gone okay?

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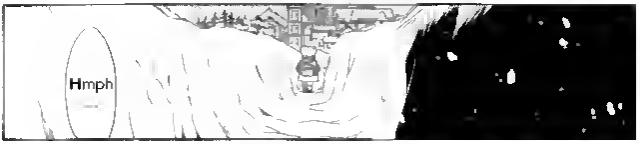
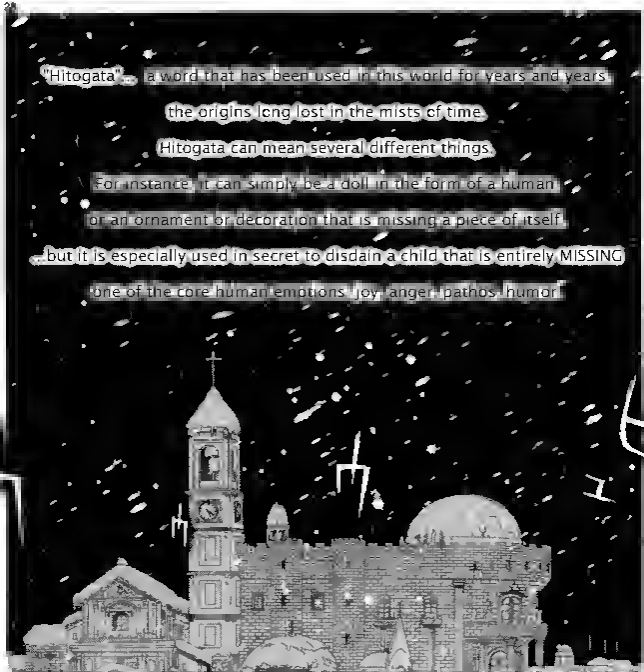

Hmph

Always the hitogata...

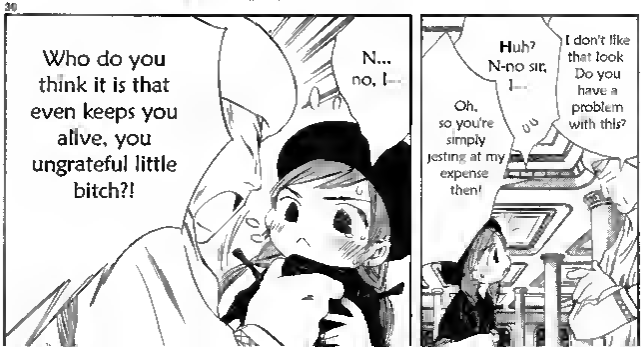

"Hitogata"... a word that has been used in this world for years and years
the origins long lost in the mists of time.
Hitogata can mean several different things.
For instance, it can simply be a doll in the form of a human
or an ornament or decoration that is missing a piece of itself.
...but it is especially used in secret to disdain a child that is entirely MISSING
one of the core human emotions: joy, anger, pathos, humor.

But... Mommy was Mommy.
Scrub that floor with FEELING!!
It is the mercy of the Politick Parliament members that has allowed your royal line to survive!

HEY!!
Owww
Ah...
You cannot slack off because the water is cold! When you are done, begin preparing the Parliament dinner!
Yes sir

Do you call that scrubbing?!
Hmm?
You see?! You didn't squeeze the rag hard enough, now look! The floor is slick and dangerous to walk upon!

—yes, sir


Who do you think it is that even keeps you alive, you ungrateful little bitch?!
N... no, I—
Huh? N-no sir, I—
I don't like that look Do you have a problem with this?
Oh, so you're simply jesting at my expense then!

...hmph
Hitogata

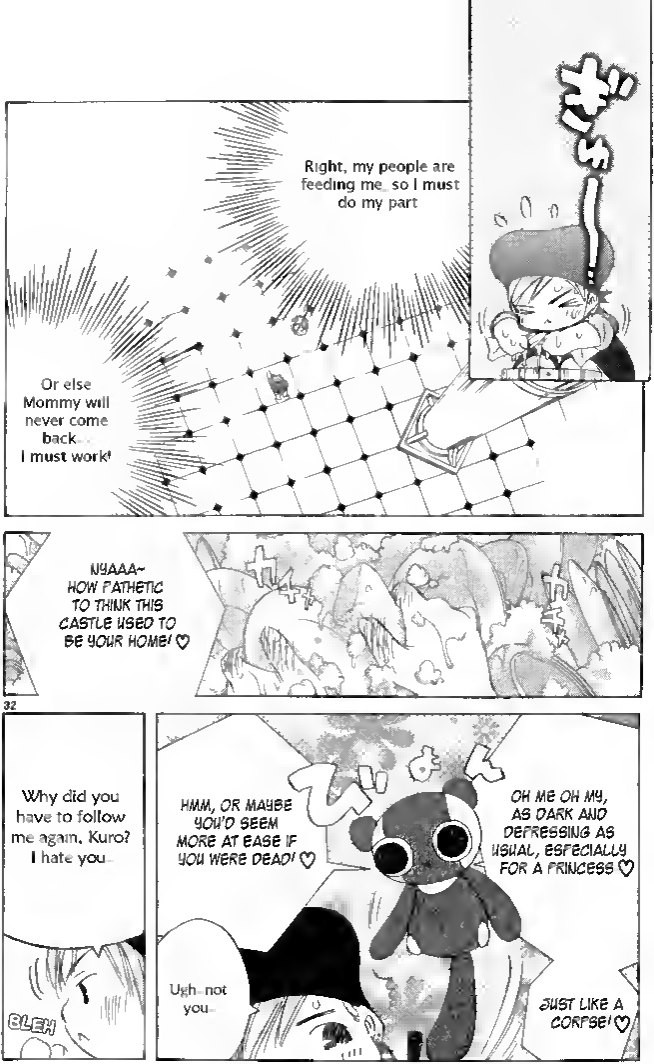
Got it? DON'T slack off next time!
Once you're done get to preparing the dinner

Look how wet everything is!
Do it over again!
Mmph

NAG
Rather than complain, do your work!
NAG

Don't whine, Icoro. The people of this country are poor, but they work their hardest to pay their taxes...
Icoro...
That is the reason we have food to eat
Mommy

Sigh
Being princess is hard...


Right, my people are feeding me_ so I must do my part
Or else Mommy will never come back... I must work!
NYAAA~ HOW PATHETIC TO THINK THIS CASTLE USED TO BE YOUR HOME! ♡
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Why did you have to follow me again, Kuro? I hate you...
BLEH
HMM, OR MAYBE YOU'D SEEM MORE AT EASE IF YOU WERE DEAD! ♡
OH ME OH MY, AS DARK AND DEPRESSING AS USUAL, ESPECIALLY FOR A PRINCESS ♡
Ugh_not you...
JUST LIKE A CORPSE! ♡

NYAA~
IT'S NOT LIKE I WANT TO HANG AROUND YOU. EVERYBODY KNOWS YOU'D BE SO MUCH SWEETER IF YOU ACTUALLY SMILED ONCE IN A WHILE, PRINCESS ICORO SIGH! ♡
can I kill him?
Stop saying "nyaa." it's GROSS! And stop bugging me, I'm working.
stop making hearts, too
NYAA~
HOW CAN YOU SAY THINGS LIKE "UGH" AND "I HATE YOU" TO A PRECIOUS IDOL PASSED DOWN THROUGH THE ROYALTY SINCE THE DAYS OF THE OLD CIVILIZATION? ♡
HMMM?

Yeah, so I'm a Hitogata

*There are times when even *I* wish I could smile*

But for some reason, my feelings have trouble showing on my face

I'm human, but there's something missing from me...
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ザク
ザク

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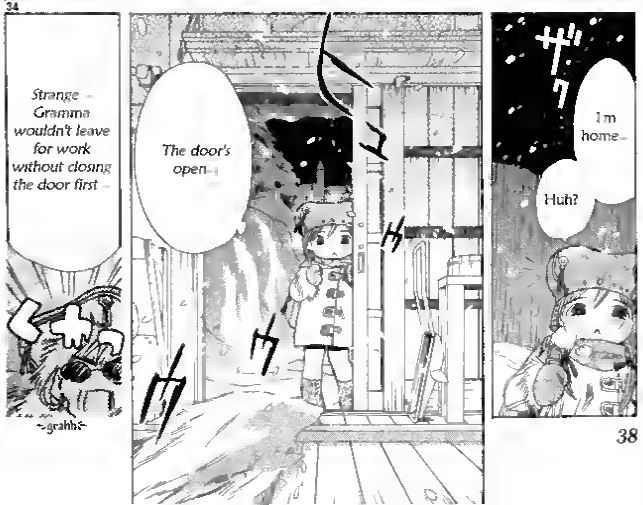
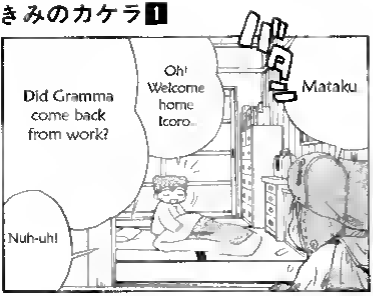
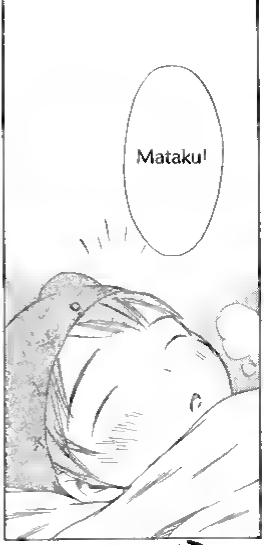

I'm home~
Huh?
The door's open~!
Strange~ Gramma wouldn't leave for work without closing the door first~
~grahh~


Did Gramma come back from work?
Oh! Welcome home Icoro.
Mataku
Nuh-uh!


Mataku!

Well— you must be cold, right? I'll heat up the bath for you

I'm going in!
Not yet! Let it heat up

ICOROOO!

I don't wanna.

No, I'm too busy out here Listen to the radio or something
Okay, tell me about the outside

It's usually comics time, but they're doing another special program. It's dumb
More Politick Tribe propaganda...
Hey! Was the moon pretty again today?

Were the lights in the town pretty?
Yep
And the stars?
Was the galaxy shining bright?
Yep
Yep.

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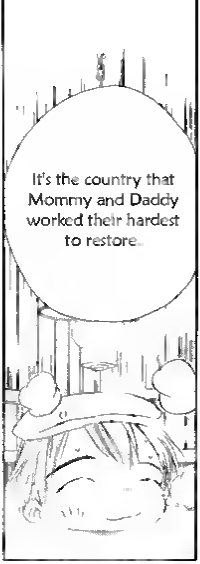
Were the people at school nice again today?
Were the people at work nice?
...yep.
All the people of this country are kind and hardworking,
they're good people...

Really?!
I've got it memorized, I can tell you how it goes
Mataku! Want me to tell you about Daddy's book?

Yaaay!
Gramma's gonna be home from work late anyways

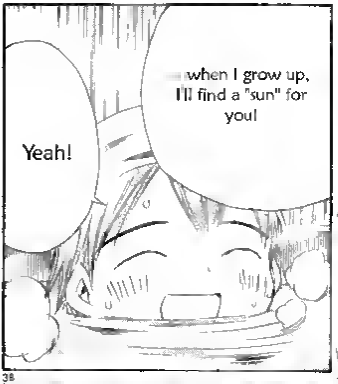

It's the country that Mommy and Daddy worked their hardest to restore..

There are records of something that existed known as a "sun "
Many years ago... When the old civilization was at the height of its scientific and technological prowess,

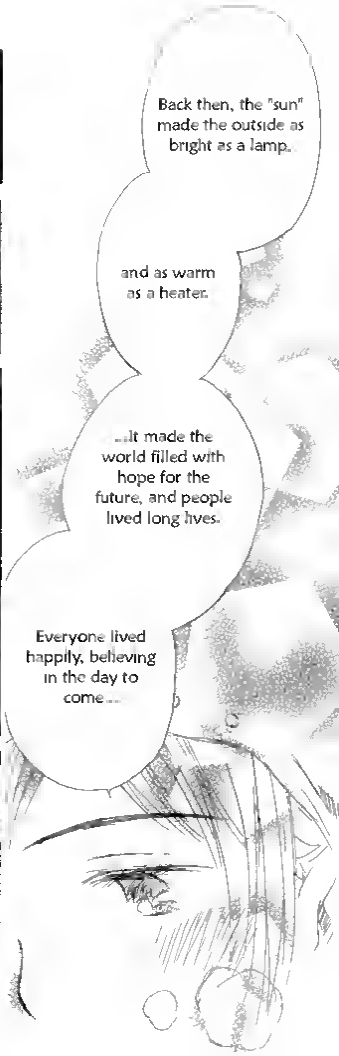
"Introduction to Solar Studies"...

Mataku!
Wow... I wish I had a sun.

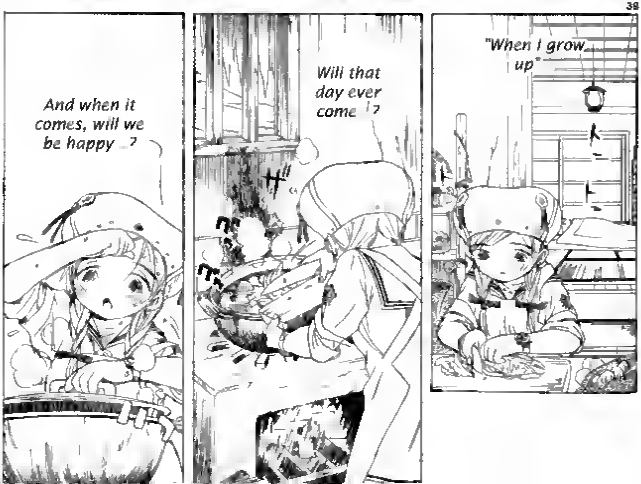
Just stick it out. I'll study hard... and help with Daddy's research


Yeah!
...when I grow up, I'll find a "sun" for you!

When I grow up


Back then, the "sun" made the outside as bright as a lamp.
and as warm as a heater.
...It made the world filled with hope for the future, and people lived long lives.
Everyone lived happily, believing in the day to come...

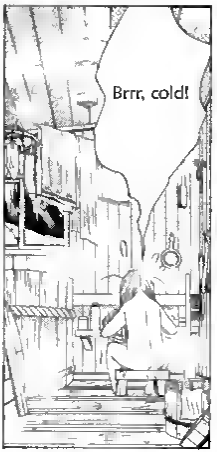
Dry yourself off and get your clothes on
Go on, go in the bath soon, or the water will get cold.
Don't worry about me I'll take one after I'm done setting up dinner
How was it?
Was it warm enough?
Yep
You always take cold baths, don't you?
Because you help me too much and...
Hey! What are you doing down there?!
No thin
Awww.
It's okay, I can do this even if I can't see...

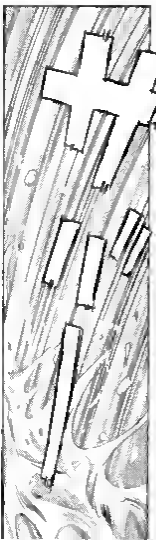

"When I grow up"
Will that day ever come...?
And when it comes, will we be happy...?

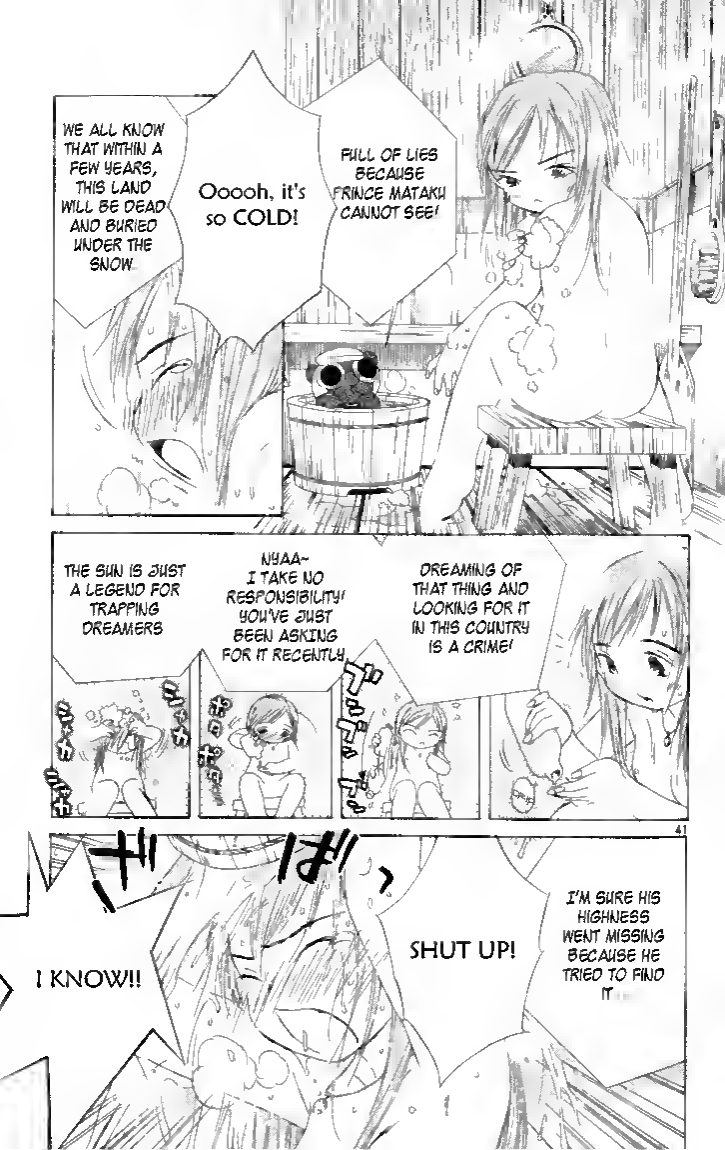
Mommy, how long will I have to bear this
before my life gets easier ?

Daddy is this country going to die ?

AHH, PRINCESS ICORO IS FULL OF LIES!
This will save on wood for Mataku...
Suck it up, Icoro!


Brrr, cold!




WE ALL KNOW THAT WITHIN A FEW YEARS, THIS LAND WILL BE DEAD AND BURIED UNDER THE SNOW.
Ooooh, it's so COLD!
FULL OF LIES BECAUSE PRINCE MATAKU CANNOT SEE!
THE SUN IS JUST A LEGEND FOR TRAPPING DREAMERS
NYAA~ I TAKE NO RESPONSIBILITY! YOU'VE JUST BEEN ASKING FOR IT RECENTLY.
DREAMING OF THAT THING AND LOOKING FOR IT IN THIS COUNTRY IS A CRIME!
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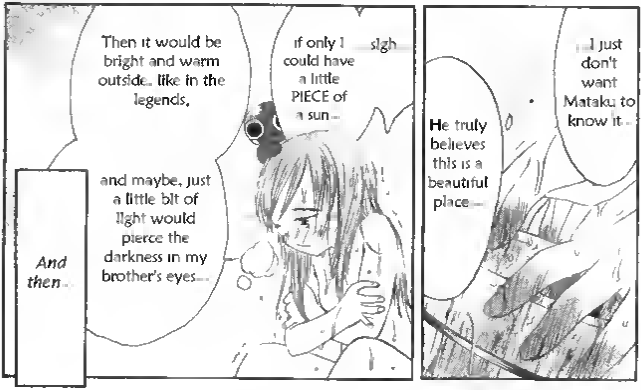
I KNOW!!
SHUT UP!
I'M SURE HIS HIGHNESS WENT MISSING BECAUSE HE TRIED TO FIND IT

The politicians do whatever they please,
This world is dirty.
I KNOW that I'm just asking for trouble!
it's walled in and cramped and tiny...!
and we have no future... I KNOW that!


Then it would be bright and warm outside... like in the legends,
if only I could have a little PIECE of a sun...
sigh
And then...
and maybe, just a little bit of light would pierce the darkness in my brother's eyes...
He truly believes this is a beautiful place...
...I just don't want Mataku to know it...

Then I would be able to smile...

I would be the princess everyone loves...

The people would become happy and friendly...

...maybe Mommy and Daddy would come home...

Daddy
Mommy
sob
Mommy
I can't stand this
SIGH ONCE AGAIN
WHY DO HUMANS CRY?
sniff
sob
sob
sob
I don't know... maybe everything would work out...
Oh
Daddy
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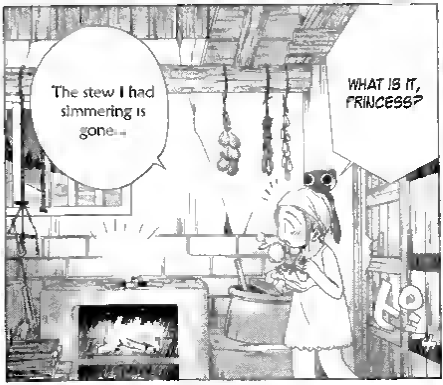
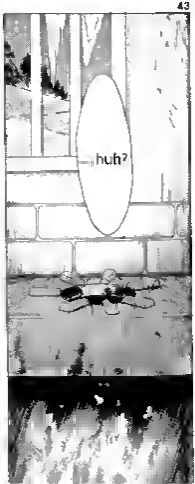
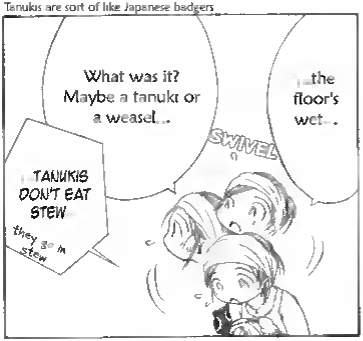

The stew I had simmering is gone...
WHAT IS IT, PRINCESS?


...huh?

Tanukis are sort of like Japanese badgers



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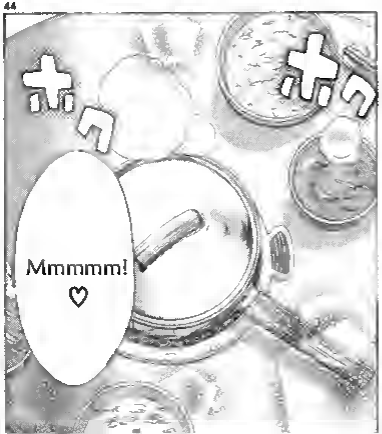
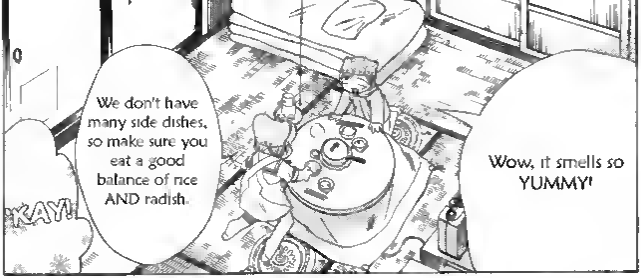


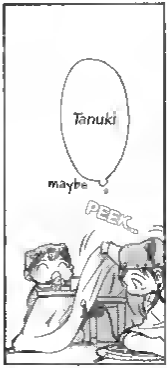

We don't have many side dishes, so make sure you eat a good balance of rice AND radish.
KAY!
Wow, it smells so YUMMY!

Let's
Let's

This day!
Shall we pray?
Dear people of the realm, thank you for providing our table with food this day!

Now!
Please keep the fact that a tanuki stole most of our food a secret from Mataku, God

Eaaaat...
Eaaaat...


Tanuki
maybe
PEEK...

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No that was a person
The hole is human shaped
where's the table?
hole? where's the devil?
A tanuki?

Huh? Where's the food, Icoro?
Right here.
Oh, there!♡
gulp
slurp
her own
munch munch
YAAAY
FIX
FIX
M, Mataku?
Maybe I should bring Gramma's bag just in case...
What was that all about...? My goodness...
I need to pee-pee
Go ahead and keep eating.

The door to the lower floors I've never been down there
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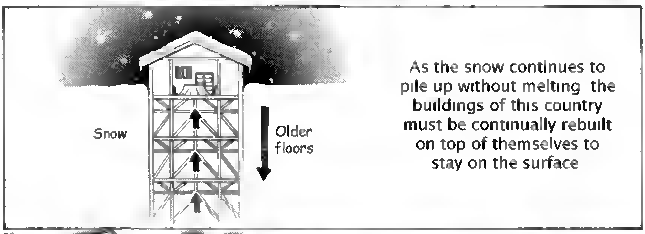
Snow
Older floors
As the snow continues to pile up without melting the buildings of this country must be continually rebuilt on top of themselves to stay on the surface

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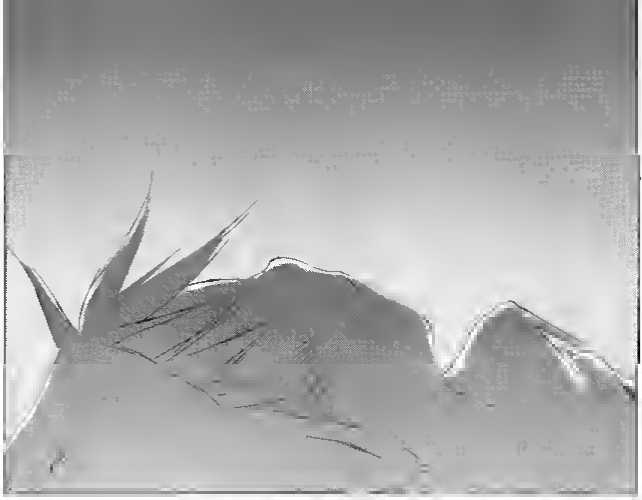
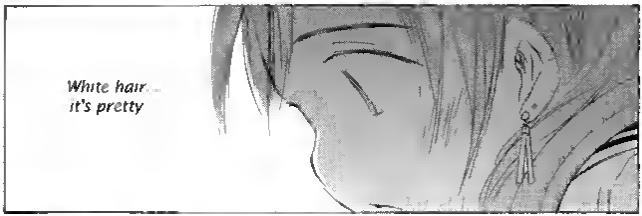
M-maybe it was a thief
I hear there are lots of thieves in the Lower World
Make sure you eat ALL of your serving mkay?
M Matakul You can eat by yourself right?
Yep
Yeah, well YOU should go to the bathroom before we eat
It's pitch black I'm scared
What should I do? I'm scared... Gramma will be angry with me.
Why does a thief have to come when Gramma is working late, of all times...?

I'm hungry
Wow— the construction of the lower floors sure is random—
Where did he go?
They really cut corners to build this
It would be so easy to knock another hole—
GURGLE




White hair...
it's pretty

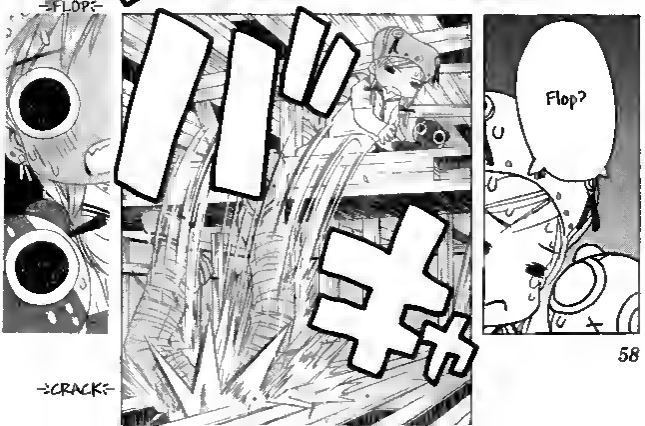
THIS GUY IS NOTHING BUT BAD NEWS. IF YOU HELP HIM, YOU'LL BE JINXED! ♡
Oh! Look...
AHH!
...poor guy must have burnt his mouth on the stew cause it was too hot...
PRINCESS! LOOK AT HIS MOUTH... THIS IS YOUR STEW THIEF!!
...and still a boy
HOORAY! WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AN EXECUTION! ♡

M...
MANACLES...!!

See?
He's hurt!!
SEE? HE'S A CRIMINAL!!

KILL...
Shush, you. He's just a boy!
WHY?! HE'S A THIEF!! ♡
Oh dear, we have to help him!
...HUH?
HE'S A THIEF, AN OUTSIDER, A HARBINGER OF ILL FORTUNE! KILL HIM!!

Stop joking around, Kuro!! You scared me!!
BUT HE JUST OPENED HIS EYES
GAAA AH!!
WUAA AH!!
HYAA AAH!!


-FLOP-
Flop?
-CRACK-

THUMP
CLUMP
Quick, we need to go get him...
Yikes...
UH-OH, HE FELL DOWN ANOTHER LEVEL
Ahh! You made me drop him!!
It came from the front door—
UH— WHAT WAS THAT...?
55
ガシッ
ゴッ
ガシッ

MISS SHAH?
No... Gramma wouldn't be that rough!!
even if she looks scary
ドドドドドド
S... SOMEONE'S COMING INSIDE...
W-who?!
!
Who's there? Icoro? Gramma? Ah...
56
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ギィィィ
Oh no!! Mataku's up there...!!
ギ!!

Who are these people?
But his footprints led to this house
It's not the kid
Huh. .huh?!

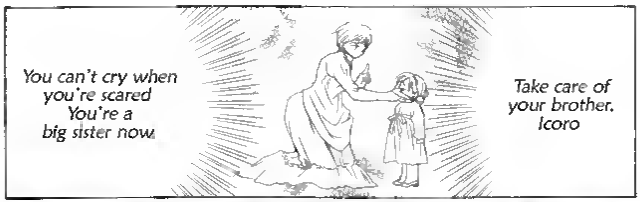
Why are there Warmongers on royal land?!
THEY'RE PROFESSIONAL KILLERS ♡ THEY'LL SLAY US ALL WITHOUT MERCY! ☆

Mataku
...
LOOK! THEY'RE WARMONGERS
The War monger Tribe?!

Commander, shall we start searching the entire house?
Searching? For, what?
...Make him tell us. It's just one kid, how hard can it be?

Beating around the bush is not something the proud Warmonger tribe is known for doing
58
Come on! Out with it!
Ow
Here we go, then.
THEY'RE NOT AFRAID OF THE ROYAL FAMILY!
IF YOU GO, THEY'LL KILL YOU AND TAKE CARE OF PRINCE MATAKU AFTERWARDS! ☆
NO, YOU FOOL!
But Mataku can't see!

The police won't help and even if they did Mataku would be dead by the time they get here...
What should I do? Gramma doesn't leave her phone on during work...
But...
Harder! Don't go easy on him because he's a kid!
Tell us!
Mataku...
What should I do, Daddy?
Mommy...
Ah!
Oh god...
Please make it stop!
Sob...
Icoro...

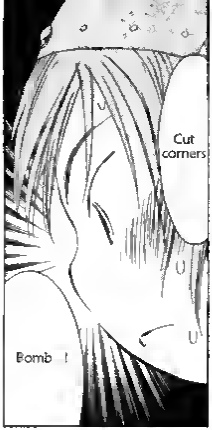

You can't cry when you're scared You're a big sister now
Take care of your brother. Icoro

トクン

Follow your best thought-out plan...
You see? There is no easy answer for everything you find in this world!
ドクン
ドクッ

. your answer!
That becomes...
ドクッ

Think!
Think!
はっ?!
As the snow piles up, the buildings are built higher and higher.
Therefore, there must be simple methods of reinforcing the building structure.
SNOW
Think!
WHAT IS IT, PRINCESS? THE BEST WAY TO ESCAPE IS BACK THERE.
Think... there must be an answer!
Somewhere in this puzzle! Think!


Cut corners
Bomb !

Shut up...
Think!

Think!
LET'S RUN FOR IT! ☆ WHY WOULD YOU GO FURTHER DOWN?
ARE YOU GONNA SET OFF A BOMB FROM DOWN BELOW?

I see it!!

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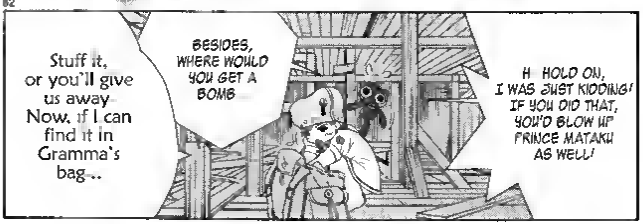

Stuff it, or you'll give us away. Now, if I can find it in Gramma's bag...
BESIDES, WHERE WOULD YOU GET A BOMB
H HOLD ON, I WAS JUST KIDDING! IF YOU DID THAT, YOU'D BLOW UP PRINCE MATAKU AS WELL!

I can remember how she made it, just from watching her do it once.
It was a weak one, only for knocking down a wall of snow
okay
stay back now, this is dangerous
I saw Gramma make one when I was smaller.
Not by yourself!
OH NO!
Mix in some carbon and..
Here we go potassium nitrate 75, sulfur 10...
Magnesium and aluminium...!
Just hang on!!
Hang on, Mataku...
Icoro's coming to rescue you!
GYAH
NO!! YOU'LL KILL US!
When I was 6
HOW LONG AGO WAS THIS?
Pipe down, would you?!
You'll get us killed!
83
ringg
Now, to call Gramma!

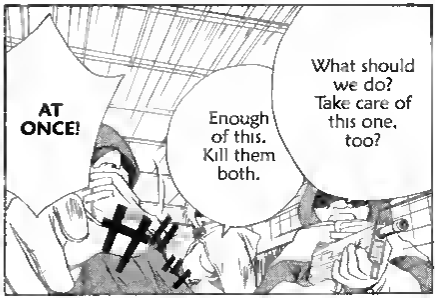
I'm thinking of how to look after myself!
I mean, Shah? Please listen to this message.
Hello, Gram-.
Please, help Mataku!
Mataku is in serious danger. Please come home as soon as you can, to help him.
so please take care of him.
I'll make sure that Mataku is safe,
Please..take care of Mataku if I'm gone!

Wuh!
Waah!
Tough little kid
Won't tell us about his family no matter how much we hit him...
But I KNOW that guy ran in here
Gotta give him credit for that At least make sure his death is painless...
Mataku!
Icoro

Don't worry! I'll make sure you're safe!
Mataku! Don't cry! Listen to me!

No
Icoro

Trust me! Have I ever lied to you?!
So DON'T MOVE from where you are until I save you!


What should we do? Take care of this one, too?
Enough of this. Kill them both.
AT ONCE!

Okay, little girl... don't fight back and it'll be over in a sec..

Aaah ...!
WHAT THE?!
67
Matakut
Argh... my eyes...
cough
cough
cough
Ugh...

トリック
You hasten your own demise. Girl...
Icoro
Don't move, Mataku!
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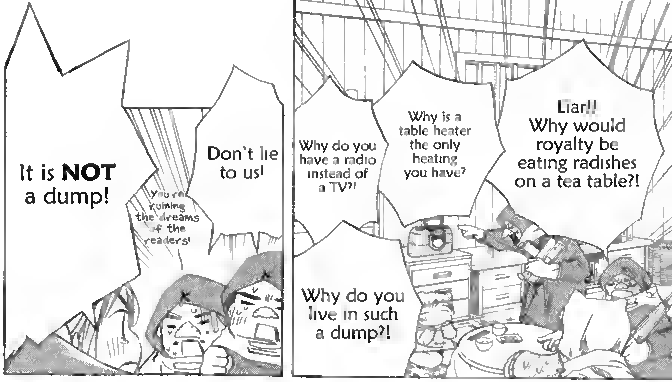
KNAVES!

KNOW THAT YOU HAVE TRESPASSED INTO THE HOME OF YOUR PRINCESS!
PRINCESS?!
THE PRINCESS ?!


It is **NOT** a dump!
Don't lie to us!
You're ruining the dreams of the readers!
Why do you live in such a dump?!
Why do you have a radio instead of a TV?!
Why is a table heater the only heating you have?
Liar!! Why would royalty be eating radishes on a tea table?!

It's a wonderful house built from tax money created from the sweat and labour of our people!

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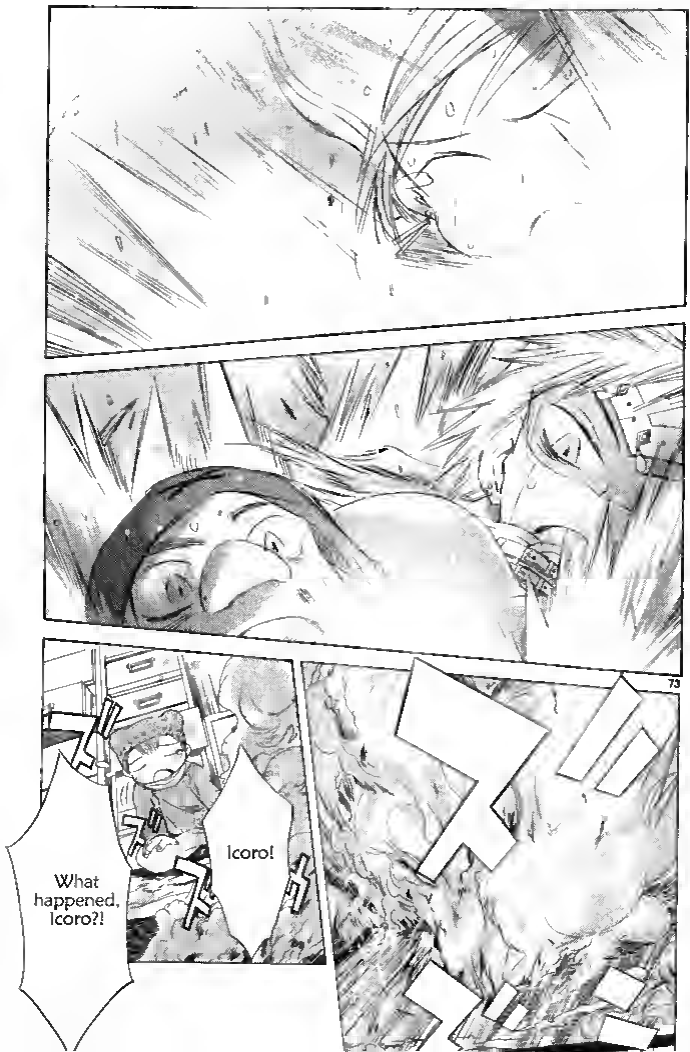
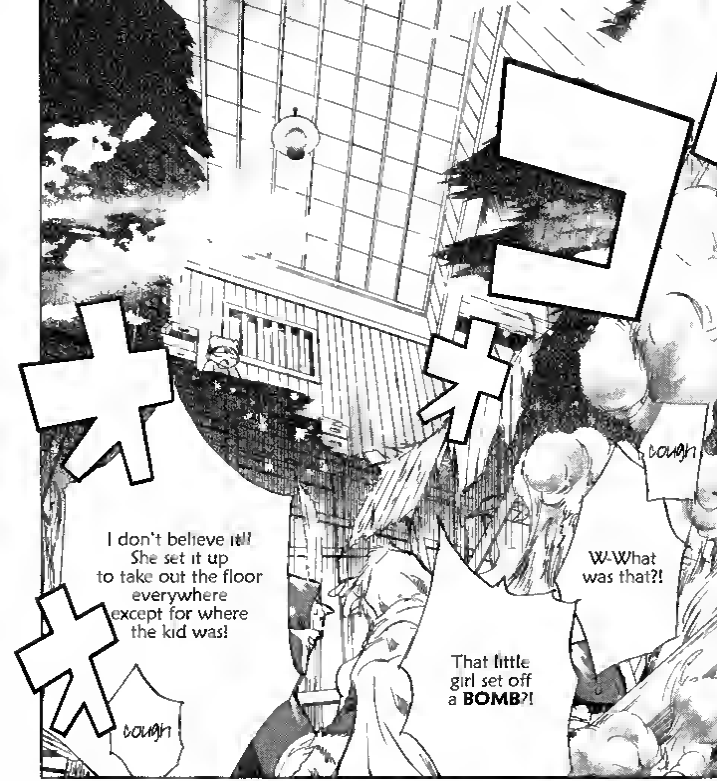
We are actually searching for something called a "hitogata."

Hmph A princess ?
Good one If that s true, I ll grant you the opportunity to live for a little longer

After all, we don't know what this "hitogata" is, exactly
Hito-gata
If this little shack really does belong to royalty, you must have some valuables passed on through the family for generations. Hand them all over to us.
71
...I like you
THEY BELONG TO THE PEOPLE! YOU CAN'T HAVE THEM!
Nothing in this house belongs to me
How about it? I'll give you three minutes.
カバッ!
DON'T MOVE, MATAKU!
ICORO!
Now die

Uh...
Aaa-
Aaah!


Icoro!
What happened, Icoro?!


I don't believe it! She set it up to take out the floor everywhere except for where the kid was!
cough
That little girl set off a **BOMB**?!
W-What was that?!
cough

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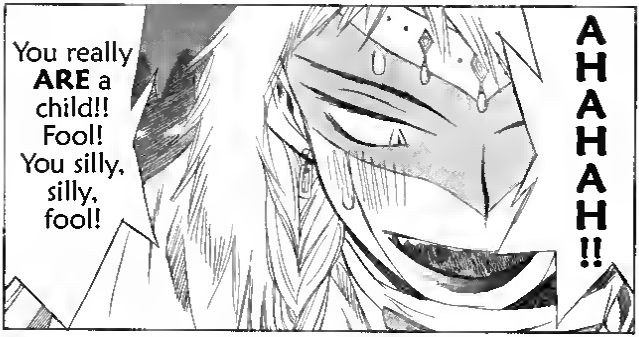
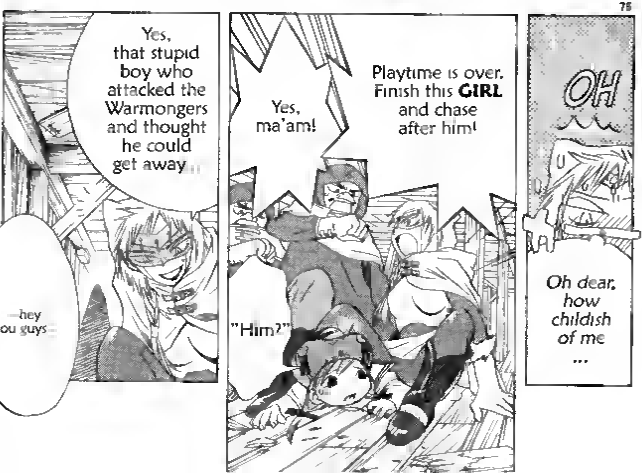
...my crotch?

MATAKU, RUN!
Curses! You'd better not let that little girl get away.

Don't worry about me! I'll come right after you!
Oh my!
Climb out the window and run along the wall of snow! Don't turn back!


You really ARE a child!! Fool! You silly, silly, fool!
AHAHAH!!


Yes, that stupid boy who attacked the Warmongers and thought he could get away...
—hey you guys—
Yes, ma'am!
Playtime is over. Finish this GIRL and chase after him!
"Him?"
OH
Oh dear, how childish of me ...

You know what a Hitogata is?
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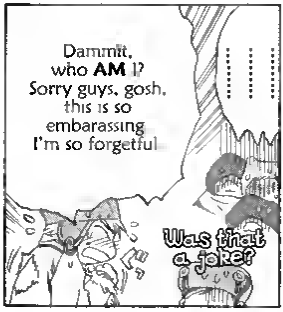
The boy who fell through the ceiling?
I forgot about him
Oh damn... where are our weapons?!
AH... IT-IT'S HIM!

WHO ARE YOU?!
Aha... you WERE hiding there!

I FORGOT.

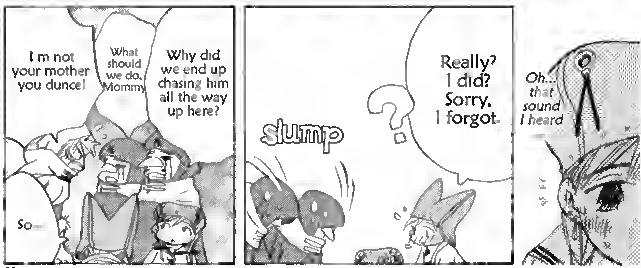
HALT YOUR JESTS!


Dammit, who AM I? Sorry guys, gosh, this is so embarassing I'm so forgetful
Was that a joke?

...what you did to the proud Warmonger Tribe!!
Don't think you can convince me you've already forgotten ...

BOYS!
KILL HIM,

He destroyed an entire tank!
You're supposed to be members of the proud Warmonger Tribe!
D...Don't tell me you're afraid of one little boy...
B... But...


I'm not your mother you dunce!
What should we do, Mommy
Why did we end up chasing him all the way up here?
So...
slump
Really? I did? Sorry, I forgot.
Oh... that sound I heard

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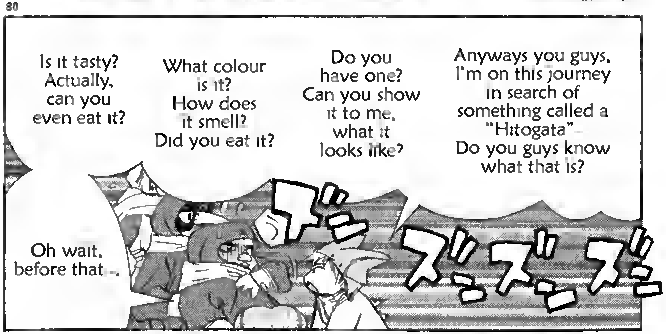
Is it tasty? Actually, can you even eat it?
What colour is it? How does it smell? Did you eat it?
Do you have one? Can you show it to me, what it looks like?
Anyways you guys, I'm on this journey in search of something called a "Hitogata" Do you guys know what that is?
Oh wait, before that...
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Or "foe"?
Are you "friend"?
Ok
THEY ARE FOES.
We didn't say that!
Ah!
Yeah! When they answered that way before, he blew up the tank.
Wait, Commander! This is important!
But the Warmongers have an iron clad rule that says we can't ever lie, you know?
.. fo
81
Or "foe"?
Are you "friend"?
What about you?

Instant Answer!
I'm your friend!
That sweet-looking young girl is a total liar!
You two just met!!
Hey, no fair!
foes

Sorry guys. My grampa taught me to kill my foes
Did that hurt? Actually, when I say grampa, I just mean the guy who found me and raised me...
Look **OUT**, you dummy!
Ow
Crap
YEEOW
His foot is so hard...
Wah!
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Get ready for some PAIN
BOY !
...doesn't feel any "pain."
...sorry lady, my body...
ミシャラ
84

Don't play games with me!
He's also. . missing something?

Ngh!
Ugh..
ah!!
He bit the sword ...?!

Huh? Uh-oh ...
Guh... grr... WHY YOU-!
How about you? Do you feel pain?
67
Nngh
Fnng

Huh
When you put a wet cloth over someone's face they can't breath.
2-3 minutes should do it
NNNNG
Ah ...
LET'S SCRAM!
Look out!
Ah... NO!!
RAAGH!

It's too soon! Mataku can't have gotten very far yet...
We need to use up more time...
Sorry! We're going!
What should I do? I have to draw them to us..!
Too fast!!
Oh... That's it...!

Um...hey!!
This is a
Hitogata!!
!

Isn't this what you're searching for?!
I'm showing it to you before we take off!!
What are you two doing?! After them!
Ah...
And I'm never coming back, so this is the end!! Goodbye!!
Dang he's fast!
Grrr...
Little brat!
But Commander, shouldn't we take her little brother as a hostage instead...
Simple-ton!

Yes, ma'am!
Follow them...
The proud members of the Warmonger tribe will never stoop to actions so low!
Catch them, and then **KILL THEM!**
92
AFTER THEM!
Kill them and take the Hitogata!

No... STOP!
You can't go that way! It's a cliff!
Oh, this is so scary!
Huh? What's a cliff?
Gyaaa, look forward! We're gonna fall off the cliff!
Don't worry, it's still snow at the bottom Snow's soft and puffy.
The cliff is HIGH! We're REALLY HIGH UP!

Can you show me that "Hitogata"?!
Hey!
Doesn't he go to school?
It's scary. .
How can he not know so many things?!
Would he kill me...?
If I tell him that was a lie he might get mad...
Well...
Uuh...
Oh... didn't he say he was looking for a Hitogata too...?!
Umm
Like, of Grampa and everything else... so if I don't look for something like him.
For some reason I don't understand, I have very few memories
Then...
He's missing.. his memories?
My grampa was searchin' REAL hard for a Hitogata...
You don't care?!
Well, whatever
what the

That I'll forget what I'm living for...
I get scared...
ドキ
Is this "world" such a big and beautiful place? I'd sure like to see it!
ドダ
Oh yeah, so is there really a thing called a "sun"?
95
Hey!
Those were
lies
Yeah, I can't **wait!**
You heard that?
ダ

Why don't we go looking for a "sun"?

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With me...?
Um... I...
I... can't...
NO, NO, NO!

Just go looking right now?
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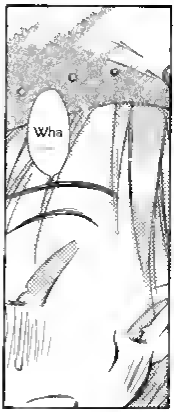
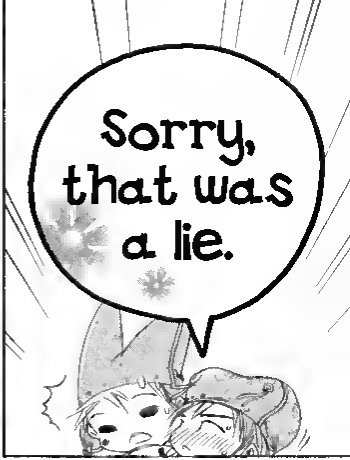

Wha

...with me...?
Um... Why would you want to go...
PLUS THERE'S NO WAY A PRINCESS LIKE IGORO SHOULD BE HANGING AROUND A COMMONER LIKE YOU...
Woah, what's that thing?
NYAA~ IT'S A CRIME TO LEAVE ONE'S VILLAGE IN THIS COUNTRY! ♡

who answered "friend."
Because you're the first person

I thought you would kill me if I didn't say friend...
I'm sorry... I was just afraid of you.
Ah...
That's why... I lied...


Sorry, that was a lie.

I'd call a friend...
have a single person
Actually I really don't...

"Piece"?
The "Hitogata" was also a lie... This is just a "piece" of me.

Huh? But you said you were never going back.
That was a lie too.
Now, will you let me down already? I have to go home.

I only tell that to my brother to cheer him up.
And the story about the sun...

It's just for my brother.
I tell him that story.
He always talks about how he wishes he had one... that's why...

What are you talking about?
not one
I've never had things like dreams or wish-s...
That's it... nothing more...

Aren't
YOU
the person,
who wants
a "sun"
the most?

I have to go to school tomorrow...
I have lots of homework.
There are way, way **WAY** too many things I have to do!
I don't have time to dream!
That's not true!
N... no...
.....
101
I have to go back home! Granma's gonna be mad at me! I have to go back!
That's not gonna happen.
Why not?! Let me **GO!!**
Work!
Study!
Take care of my brother!
Clean ...
Wash ...
This and that...!

'Cause we're falling. Sorry.
Is this that cliff thing you were talking about?
Eh?

So,
is that the
world?!
Awesome!
Awesome!
It's so
HUGE!
ドクン

See?!
Look! The world's so beautiful ...!
110
WAAAH!
WAAAH!
Sniff
...hic...
Nng
Hahh
Nnng
AH ...
?
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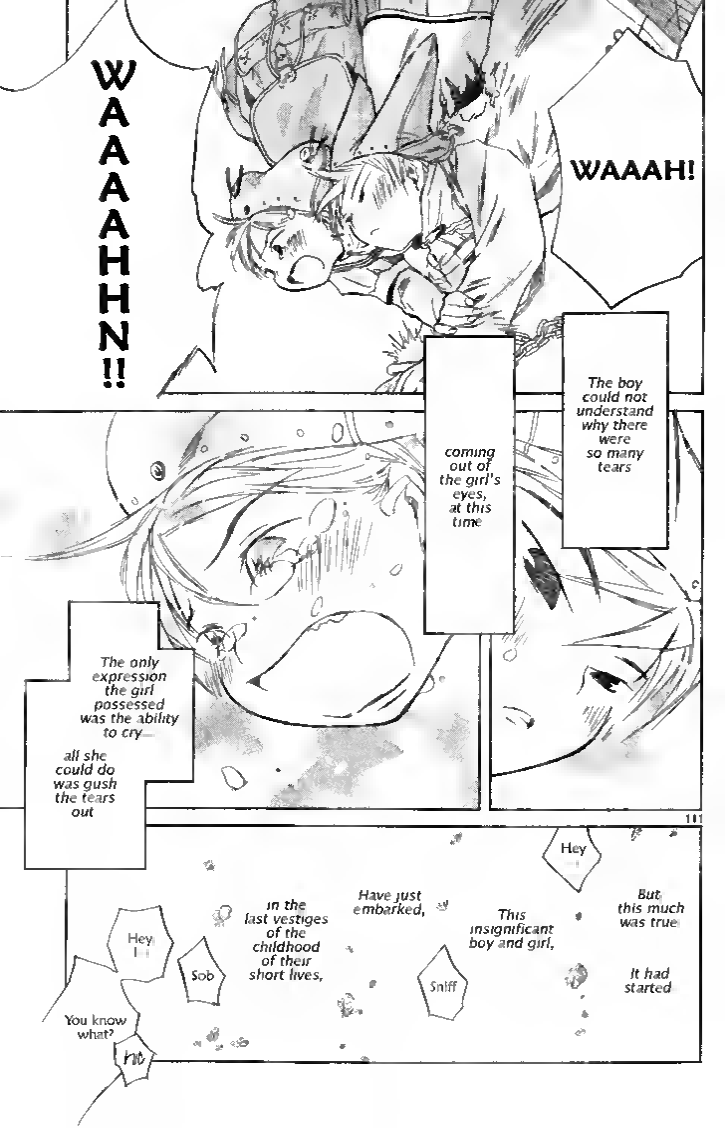
WAAAAHHN!!
WAAAH!
The boy could not understand why there were so many tears
coming out of the girl's eyes, at this time
The only expression the girl possessed was the ability to cry—
all she could do was gush the tears out
111
Hey
But this much was true
It had started
Have just embarked,
This insignificant boy and girl,
Hey
Sob
In the last vestiges of the childhood of their short lives,
Sniff
You know what?
Nothing

On their final journey.
I wanna go...
Looking for a sun!

Kimi no Kakera

Chapter Two

「きみのカケラ」

LOOK FOR ONE PIECE TO THE FUTURE OF YOURS

第二章

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H...
hey...
My name's
Icoro!

I'M CALLED ICORO!
3
What's it mean?!
Icoro?! What's that?!

WOW!!
Cool!
S... stop it, Kuro!
BUT YOU'RE STILL A PRINCESS, NYAA♡
Treasure?!
NYAA~~♡ IN THE ANCIENT LANGUAGE OF THIS LAND, ICORO MEANS "TREASURE"!
Ugh, not again.
So this thing's name is Kuro? What a funny name! Hahaha!
Um, hey!
Uh...
Um...
My name's... too special for me...

What's, what's your name?!
I FORGET.

AHEM
AHH... AHEM... SINCE YOU BOTH SEEM TO HAVE FORGOTTEN, MAY I POINT OUT A VERY IMPORTANT PIECE OF INFORMATION...?♡
Huh?
What?
QUESTION
WHAT IS MY NAME, FOR THE LOVE OF GOD?
sorry, I know, it's really embarrassing I mean, I forget just about EVERYTHING
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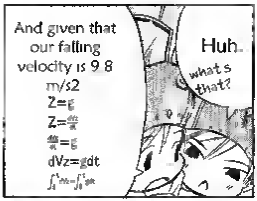
IF WE FALL ALL THE WAY FROM THIS HEIGHT, WE'RE GONNA DIE!!! ♡
SAVE MEEEEEEEEE


And given that our falling velocity is 9.8 m/s2
Z=g
Z=dv/dt
dv/dt=g
dVz=gdt
Huh.
What's that?

Actually, snow has enough firmness on its own. Like
F=m(l+Δl)+M
R=F/s(g/cm²)
see?
Don't worry about it. There's only snow down there. It's soft, you know?

IT MEANS, THE LONGER WE FALL, THE FASTER WE GO, AND THE DEADER WE ARE WHEN WE LAND!!
Gee, you sure know a lot. What's that mean?
∫dVz=∫gdt
Vz(t)−Vz(0)=g(t−0)
Vz(t)=gt+Vz(0)
Vz(0)=0
Vz(t)=gt
You see?
Oh! In that case...

We just have to jump up
faster than we're falling, right?!

A
RYA
UO
AA
AH!
HE'S CLIMBING UP THE MOUNDS OF FALLING SNOW?!
WOW!!
DIAGRAM
Wait this should be
impossi ble

ドドド
see

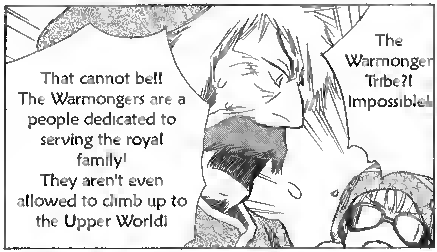
Around this time, near the royal palace in the "Upper World"
Icoro
Icoro
hah!
hah!
hah!
Aagh!
Icoro.. where did you go?
Mataku! Don't cry!
Sniff
sob
Icoro—

Trust me! Have I ever lied to you?!
Don't worry! I'll make sure you're safe!
Inah
Icoro why aren't you coming...?
PRINCE MATAKU!
Icoro
Climb out the window and run along the wall of snow!
Don't worry about me! I'll come right after you!
Icoro!
12
Gramma...?

This is terrible...
Who would do such a thing...?
Hello, Gram... I mean, Shah?
Please come home as soon as you can, to help him.
Mataku is in serious danger.
If only I had heard that message earlier...
Some bad people came... and Icoro saved me.
But she said to go out side, and she would come after me...
but then she never came...
This is quite serious. Who would have done it...?
I'll make sure that Mataku is safe, so please take care of him!

The bad people said something about...
The royalty is in dire condition... They have nothing left...
Even if it's far weaker than when we worked under them
But royalty is royalty...

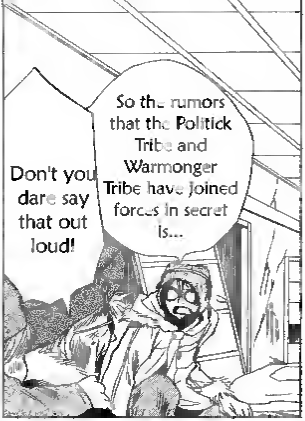
Could it be some of those bandits that are growing in number down below?
No bandits would be stupid enough to rob a shack like this.


That cannot be!! The Warmongers are a people dedicated to serving the royal family! They aren't even allowed to climb up to the Upper World!
The Warmonger Tribe?! Impossible!

...yes, but the days when the Warmongers served the royalty were in the past...
Madam Shish...
But they are people who live, and die for battle. They would not involve themselves with anything unrelated to warfare.

"Warmongers!"

In reality, the situation has changed, but as far as outward appearances go, the royal family still holds power.


So the rumors that the Politick Tribe and Warmonger Tribe have joined forces in secret is...
Don't you dare say that out loud!

Those sly Politick Parliament members wouldn't let that go without taking advantage of it.

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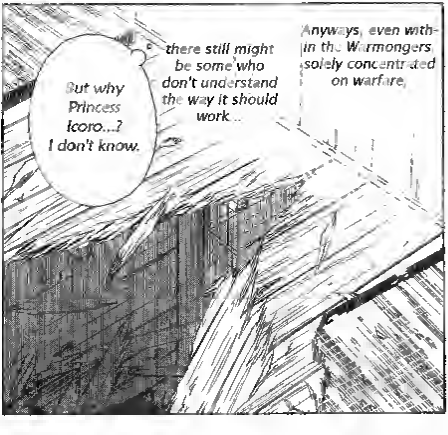
Where's Icoro? Did they kill her?
Do not worry!


But why Princess Icoro...? I don't know.
there still might be some who don't understand the way it should work...
Anyways, even within the Warmongers, solely concentrated on warfare,

There is no need to cry for her
She WILL return!
And I have given her all the tools necessary to see her through any hardship!
I have taught Princess Icoro well on how to think and watch out for herself in any situation,
Princess Icoro...
I'll make sure that Mataku is safe so please take care of him
Please take care of Mataku if I'm gone!
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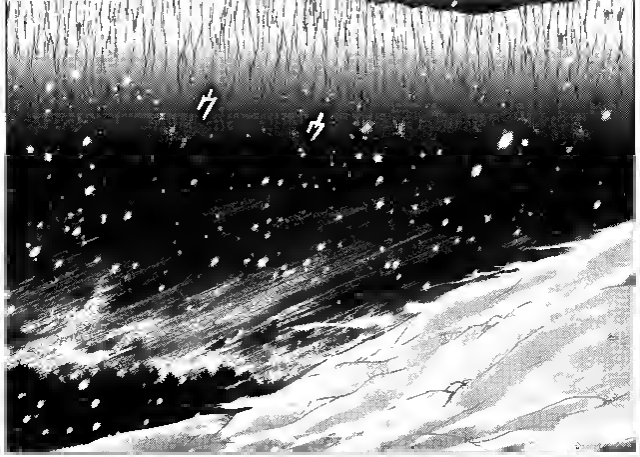
Please, be safe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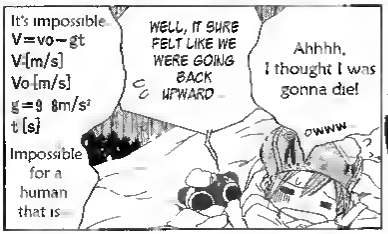
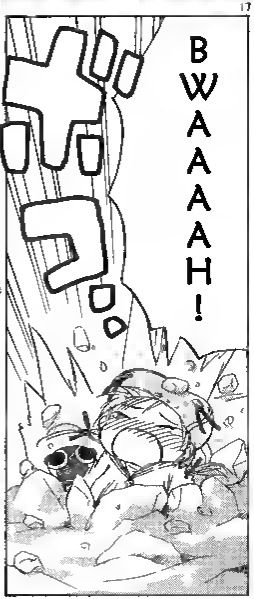

It's impossible
V=vo−gt
V:[m/s]
Vo:[m/s]
g=9 8m/s²
t:[s]
Impossible for a human that is
WELL, IT SURE FELT LIKE WE WERE GOING BACK UPWARD
Ahhhh, I thought I was gonna die!
owww


ボコ。
BWAAAAH!

ビュー
ドッ

So
this is the
"Lower World"

Why?
Why is my body shivering so hard?
Aahh
Uwah
Oh no
My home is all the way up there
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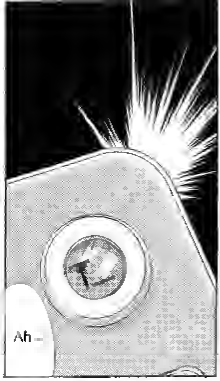
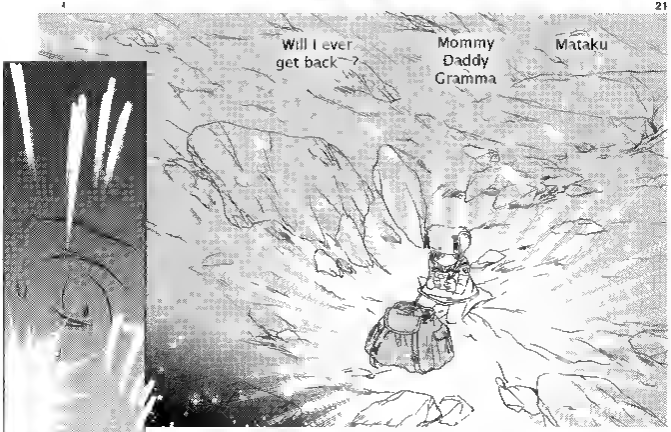
Mataku
Mataku
Mataku...!!

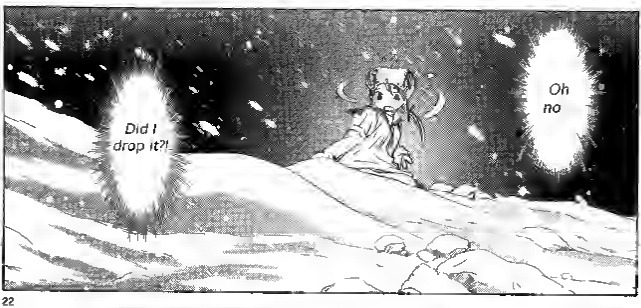

Ah...

That's it! My phone...
Gramma must have come back by now...

Signal...
No...


Will I ever get back~?
Mommy
Daddy
Gramma
Mataku

Ah...
My pendant's gone...!


Oh no
Did I drop it?!

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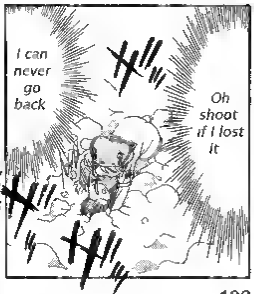
That's my


I can never go back
Oh shoot if I lost it

ガコッ
BUHA AAH!
Huh?
ぼろ
ぼろぼろ
Oh man, I thought I was a goner for sure. Whew, whew
EEEP
I don't wanna be here any longer!
WAAAAHHH!!
I hate it here... I want to go home!!

ベロ
Upmh!
OOPS, SHE CRYING ONCE AGAIN! NYAA~ WHY DO HUMANS CRY SO EASILY?
……
Hey! How do you make those things?!
YUMMY!!
ヒリヒリ
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Wow, they're awesome! They're so pretty! I saw you making them earlier, too!!
So those are called tears!
Tears?
Huh? What? These?

Y'know... I've never cried before...
You're so lucky...
Huh...?
What's "cry"?!
Shut up
YOU WILL ADDRESS HER AS "PRINCESS ICORO," NOT "YOU"! SHE IS A PRINCESS AFTER ALL, DESPITE APPEARANCES!
Well— they just— happen, when you cry

So he **is** missing something...
Oh...

So, where'd you come from, anyway?
He's a Hitogata, just like me...!!

Something nice—?
Sorry, all I really remember is going to that house because I smelled something nice...

I forget!!
NYAA~ IT DOESN'T HELP WHEN YOU KEEP HOLDING SECRETS FROM US

Waah!
NYAA~ I TOLD YOU, HE'S A THIEF!
Aha! That was our food, wasn't it?!
I'm hungry!

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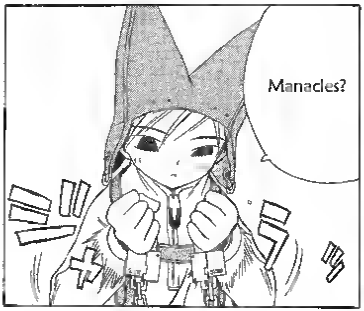
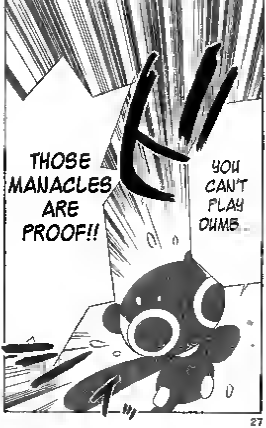
YOU!!
What's a thief?

YOU ALREADY DID!! YOU THIEF!!
What's food? Can you eat it?


Manacles?


THOSE MANACLES ARE PROOF!!
YOU CAN'T PLAY DUMB

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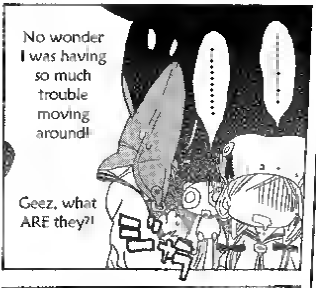
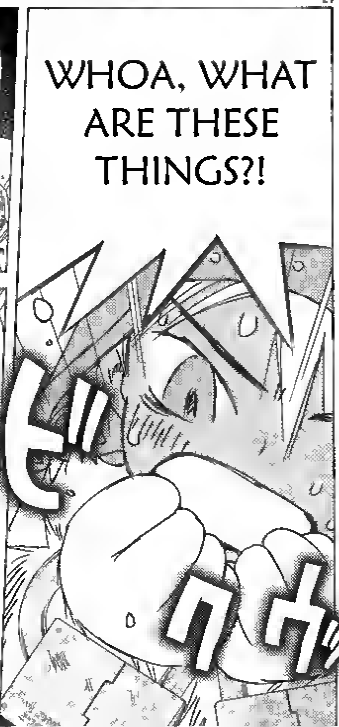

No wonder I was having so much trouble moving around!
Geez, what ARE they?!


WHOA, WHAT ARE THESE THINGS?!

YOU SHOULD HAVE NOTICED YOURSELF!
Thanks for telling me!

...the police in this country are useless
Right?
...there's no use
what's police?
NYAA~ WE SHOULD TAKE THIS GUY IN TO THE POLICE!
Besides
The force is a nest of decay, corruption, self-interest and egotism...
...even the children know that

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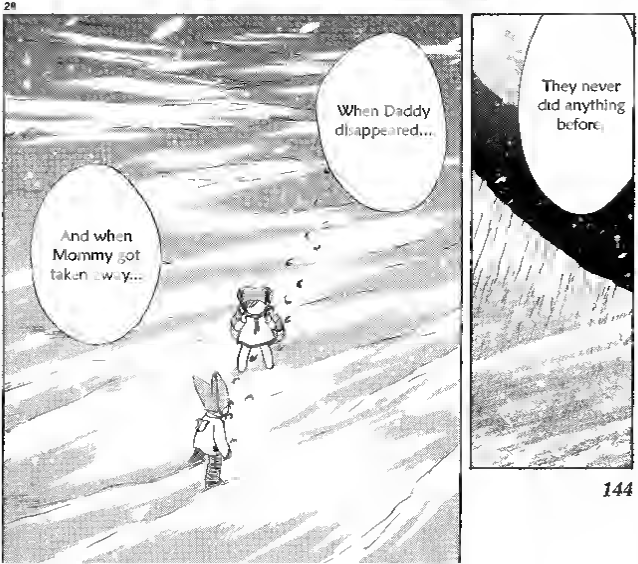
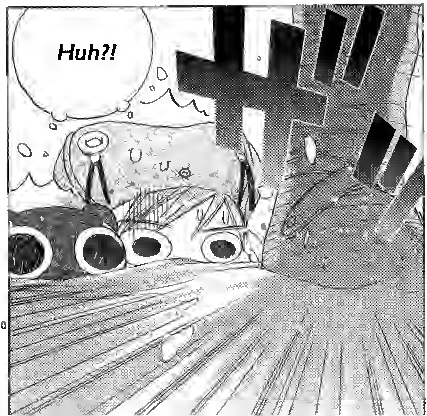
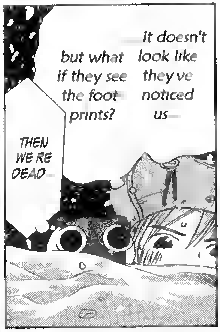

When Daddy disappeared...
And when Mommy got taken away...
They never did anything before.

HIDE!
Quick, get behind that snow bank!!
Gweh!
!
Hey... What's Mommy and Daddy...
Wh... Why?! What's happening...
Shhh! Be quiet!!
Something's coming

WAR-
MONGERS!!
THEY CALLED HER A COMMANDER, SO SHE MUST BE PRETTY POWERFUL WITHIN THEIR RANKS!!
NYAA~ IT MUST BE HER SOLDIERS!
Is it friends of those three from before?


Huh?!


it doesn't look like they've noticed us—
but what if they see the foot prints?
THEN WE'RE DEAD

HUH?!
And find out if they're friend or foe!
Got it! I'll go talk to them for a sec.

Do you intend to ask that question to every single person you meet? You're not a cat, you don't have nine lives!
Well, yeah? I mean- I asked everyone so far.
Besides, who is that grampa
. just come this way! Hurry! ;)

Oh, when I say grampa, I mean the man who found me and raised me.
And kill your enemies!
Guess what! My grampa taught me that you should protect your friends!
SHUT UP!
NOTHING IN-BE-TWEEN ?

Who is this boy...?
Hey, where are we going?!
hmm
hmm
hmm

Shh!
Be quiet ..
What happens if they hear us?

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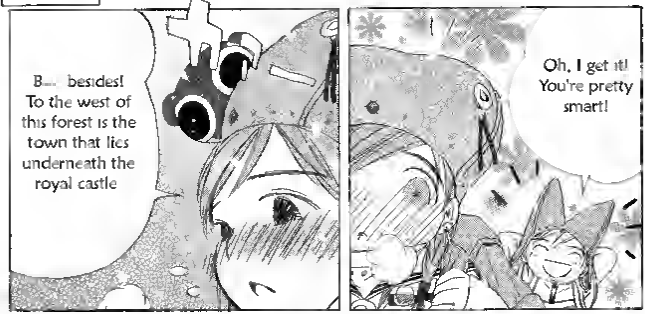
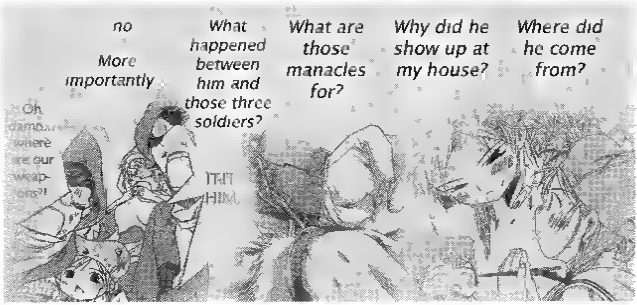
Ooohh my feet are freezing
I can barely feel the pain, cause I'm losing the feeling in my legs..
hhhh
It's harder to walk through the forest, but at least our footprints are better camouflaged than on flat ground!
hhhh


B... besides! To the west of this forest is the town that lies underneath the royal castle
Oh, I get it! You're pretty smart!

Ow...
That's just what I learned from my geography class...
I... I dunno, I've never been down from the Upper World.
A town? What's it like?
and it's bustling with trading and business activity
So about this town... it's pretty big.
Gramma's bag it's so heavy

POOR PRINCESS ICORO HAS NO FRIENDS,
SO ALL IT TAKES IS ONE STATEMENT LIKE THAT TO FOOL HER— AHH, NYAA~
Gee, you really ARE smart!!
So big that two kids could get lost easily...
Huh
Hmm
Hmm


no
More importantly
What happened between him and those three soldiers?
What are those manacles for?
Why did he show up at my house?
Where did he come from?
Oh, damn... where are our weapons?!
IT-IT HIM

What's "cry"?!
Wait... they just happen, when you cry.
doesn't feel any "pain."
sorry lady my body....

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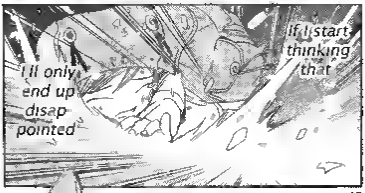
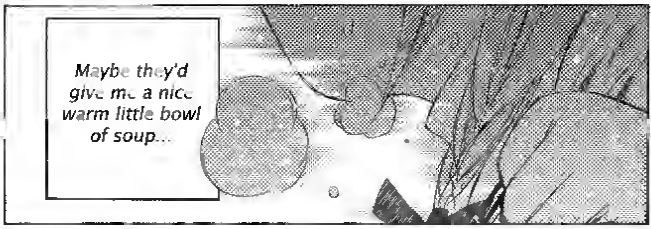
Maybe...
Why don't we go looking for a "sun"?!
Maybe...
ドキ
ドキ

...no...
that can't be true...



Can I?
Can I really think of him as a friend...?
A little further...!
The royal city
Okay! Almost there
hahh
hahh
Just a little further
hahh
hahh

Maybe that means the people would treat me, their princess, with a bit of kindness...
hahh
hahh
hahh


Maybe they'd give me a nice warm little bowl of soup...

We're out of the forest!!
Maybe they'd let me have a nice warm little bath...

To the west of the castle is the royal city that works for the crown!
This can't be right! I... I learned about it in geography class!
A town of many many busy people...
So where's this town? Huh, huh?
N... no...
Ow...
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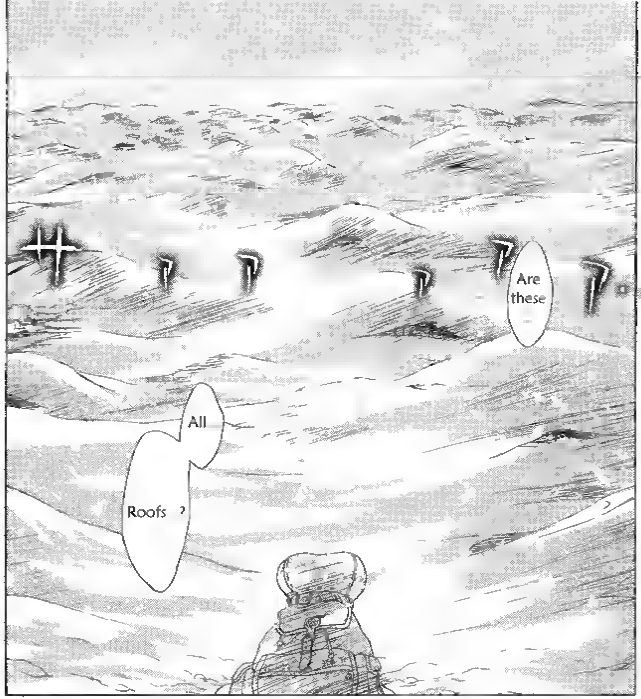
roof...?



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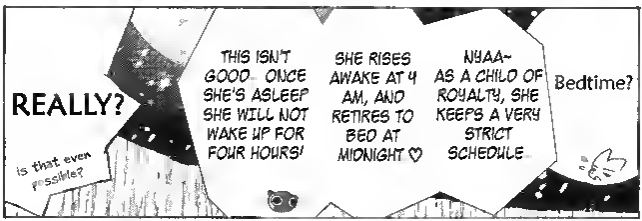
Icoro why do you think Daddy is researching the "sun"?
Because our land is being filled up with snow?
Dad our country is already
As the king, I want my people to have a dream
Dream?
A dream of a future to come
That's right! You're so clever

Are you crying again?
Hey you OK...?
.....
dead
OH NO! IS IT HER BEDTIME ALREADY?!
DON'T GO INTO THE LIGHT!!
Whoa! What the? Is she dying?!
Daddy
DUH


REALLY?
Is that even possible?
THIS ISN'T GOOD. ONCE SHE'S ASLEEP SHE WILL NOT WAKE UP FOR FOUR HOURS!
SHE RISES AWAKE AT 4 AM, AND RETIRES TO BED AT MIDNIGHT ♡
NYAA~ AS A CHILD OF ROYALTY, SHE KEEPS A VERY STRICT SCHEDULE
Bedtime?

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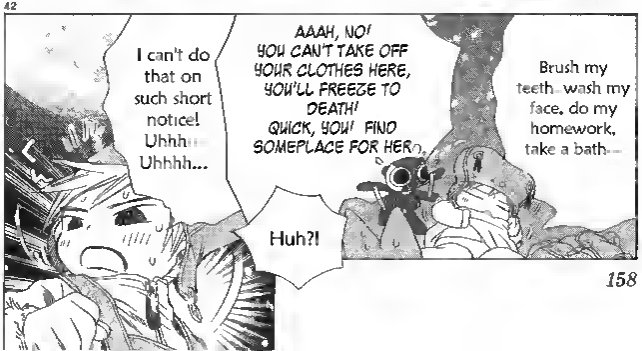
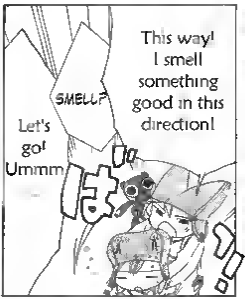

I can't do that on such short notice! Uhhh... Uhhhh...
AAAH, NO! YOU CAN'T TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES HERE, YOU'LL FREEZE TO DEATH! QUICK, YOU! FIND SOMEPLACE FOR HER.
Brush my teeth, wash my face, do my homework, take a bath—
Huh?!

Icoro and,
IT'S THE OPPOSITE!
Kuro?


This way! I smell something good in this direction!
SMELL?
Let's go! Ummm
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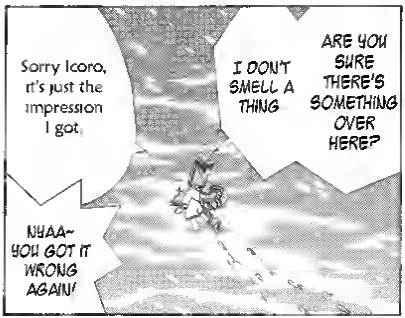
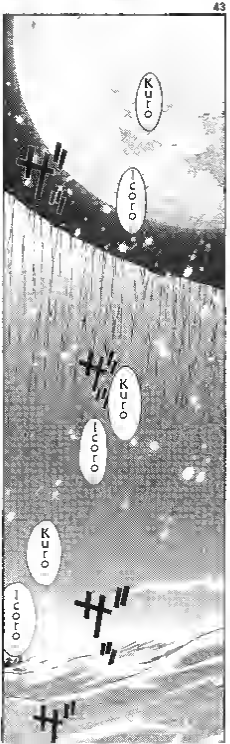
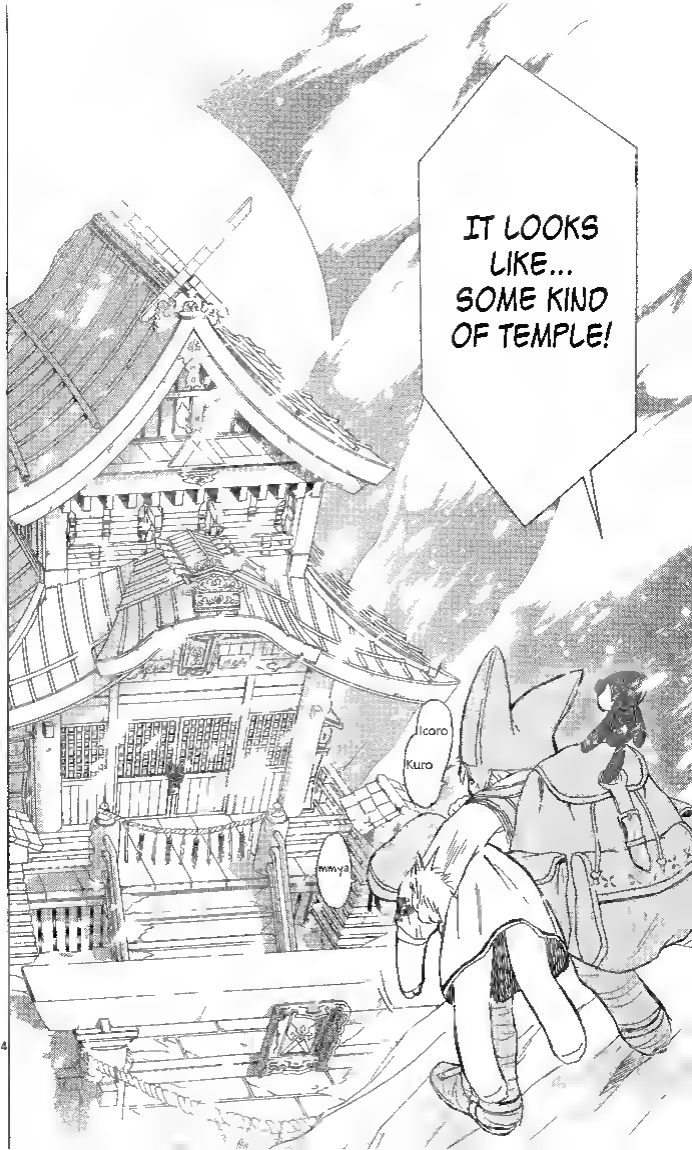

Sorry Icoro, it's just the impression I got.
I DON'T SMELL A THING
ARE YOU SURE THERE'S SOMETHING OVER HERE?
NYAA~ YOU GOT IT WRONG AGAIN!


Kuro
Icoro
Kuro
Icoro
Kuro
Icoro

There it is!!
WHOA!!

LISTEN, I'M KURO, SHE'S...
Ooh!


IT LOOKS LIKE... SOME KIND OF TEMPLE!
Icoro
Kuro
Iwwya

LOOK, IT'S NOT LIKE I EVEN ENJOY THIS NAME KURO TO BEGIN WITH.
I'M AN IDOL PASSED ON THROUGH THE ROYAL FAMILY ♡
I'M PROGRAMMED TO ASSIST EACH MONARCH AS THEY COME INTO POWER.
EACH ONE GIVES ME A PERSONAL NAME DURING THE TIME I SERVE THEM.
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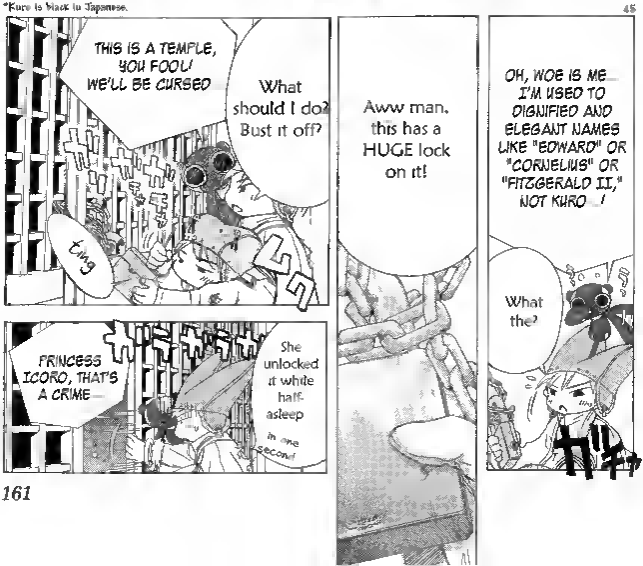
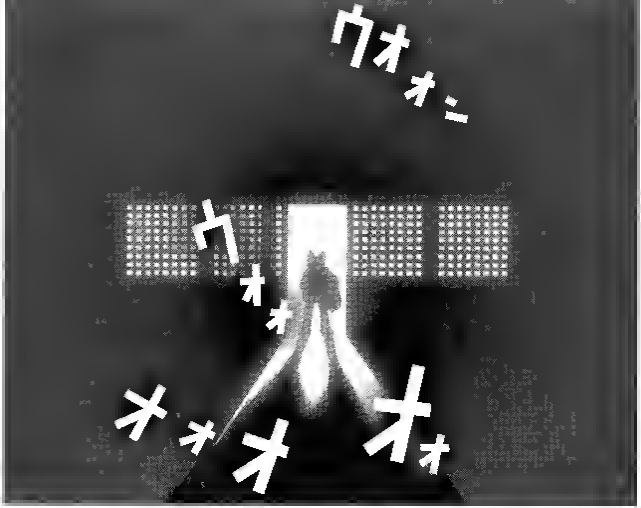
KURO!
You're black, so—
KURO 4 YRS OLD

*Kuro is black in Japanese.


THIS IS A TEMPLE, YOU FOOL! WE'LL BE CURSED
What should I do? Bust it off?
tug
FRINCESS ICORO, THAT'S A CRIME—
She unlocked it while half-asleep in one second
Aww man, this has a HUGE lock on it!
OH, WOE IS ME— I'M USED TO DIGNIFIED AND ELEGANT NAMES LIKE "EDWARD" OR "CORNELIUS" OR "FITZGERALD II," NOT KURO—!
What the?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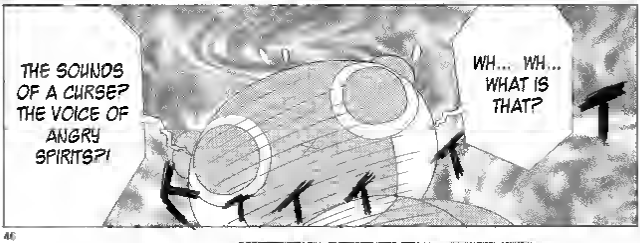
THE SOUNDS OF A CURSE? THE VOICE OF ANGRY SPIRITS?!
WH... WH... WHAT IS THAT?

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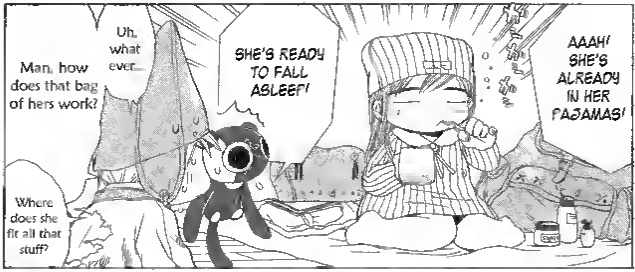
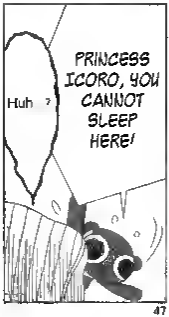
QUICK, TAKE PRINCESS ICORO AND...
NYAA~ THEY'RE GONNA POP UP AND GET US!
THE OTHER WAY AROUND! LOOK, THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR THAT!
THIS IS A REALLY BAD IDEA! THIS PLACE IS CURSED!
evil spirits and everything!
And she's Kuro?
So, uhhh, you're Icoro?


Man, how does that bag of hers work?
Uh, what ever...
SHE'S READY TO FALL ASLEEP!
AAAH! SHE'S ALREADY IN HER PAJAMAS!
Where does she fit all that stuff?

N-N-NO! ANYTHING BUT THAT!
Look, if you don't shut your trap and stop complaining, I'm just gonna turn you back into a mute puppet! How would you like that, huh?
WH! PRINCESS ICORO?!
your eyes
...listen, Kuro... who do you think fixed you up so you could speak...?


Huh ?
PRINCESS ICORO, YOU CANNOT SLEEP HERE!

So,
what's my name?
huh huh?
WE DON'T KNOW!

NYAA~ I HAD NO IDEA... THAT PRINCESS ICORO COULD TURN SO NASTY AFTER HER BEDTIME...
So, this one's Kuro and that one's Icoro
This is Kuro.
That's Icoro
all that proper raising for nothing
g'night mommy & daddy

SHIRO?!
SHIRO!
Your name is...
Huh?! What?!
Cuz ite
Wow, that's so cool! What does it mean?
Shiro?! SHIRO?!
Oh dear
the pitying gaze of a fellow creature
Cuz your hair is white! SHIRO!
*Shiro is white in Japanese.
you know what?
but actually,

It means "piece"
In the ancient language of our land "Shiro" means "missing something"
オォン
オォン
ムク
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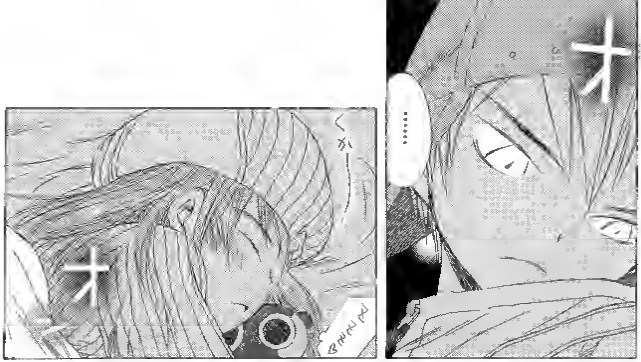
I get the feeling
That he has many of the things I'm missing
オォオン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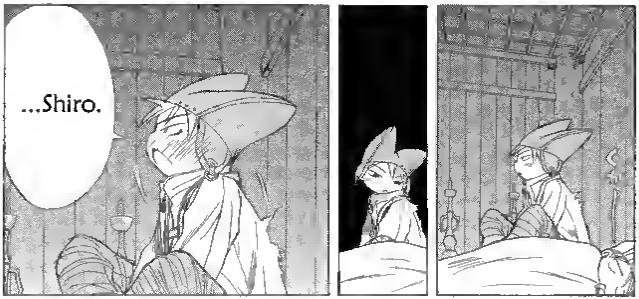
...Shiro.

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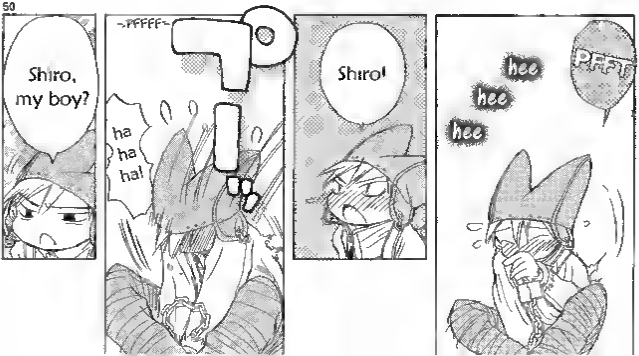
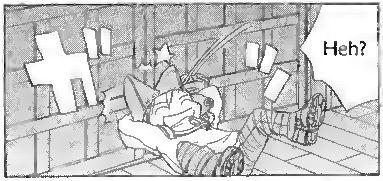
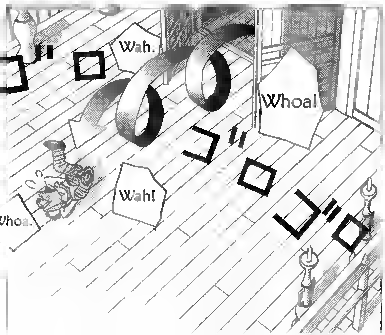
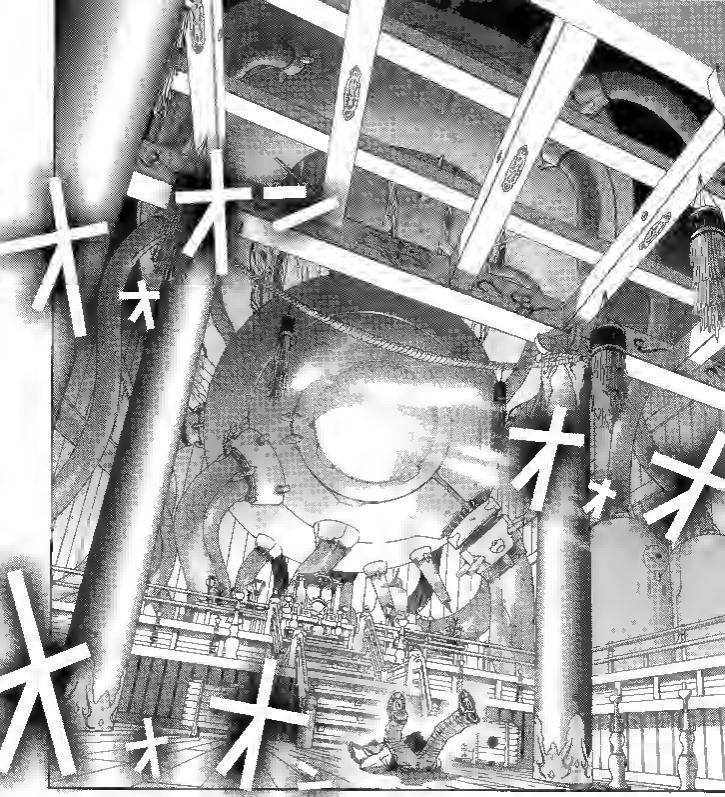

Shiro, my boy?
~PFFFF~
ha ha ha!
Shiro!
hee
hee
hee
PFFT

Yes,
sir,
THAT'S
ME!


Heh?

DE HEH HEH
HEH HEH


Wah.
Whoa!
Wah!
Whoa...



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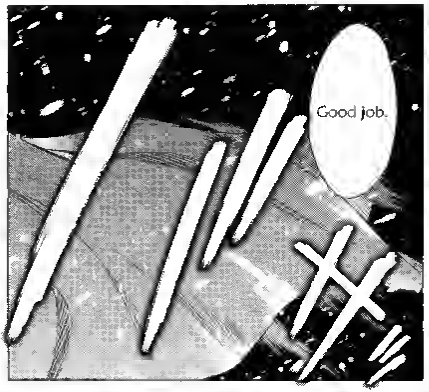
We have the perimeter surrounded!
We have confirmed the two children are inside this building!
Two sets of small footprints have lead to this location!
Report!

Right here, Commander!!


Good job.

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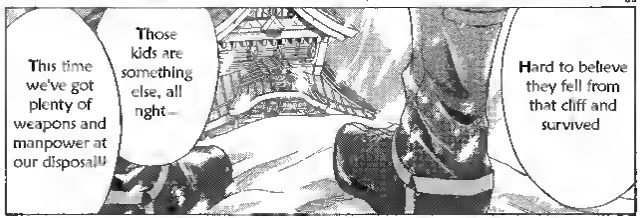
This time we've got plenty of weapons and manpower at our disposal!!
Those kids are something else, all right...
Hard to believe they fell from that cliff and survived

Thanks for waiting, my little Hitogatas.♡
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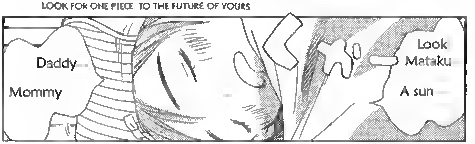
LOOK FOR ONE PIECE TO THE FUTURE OF YOURS



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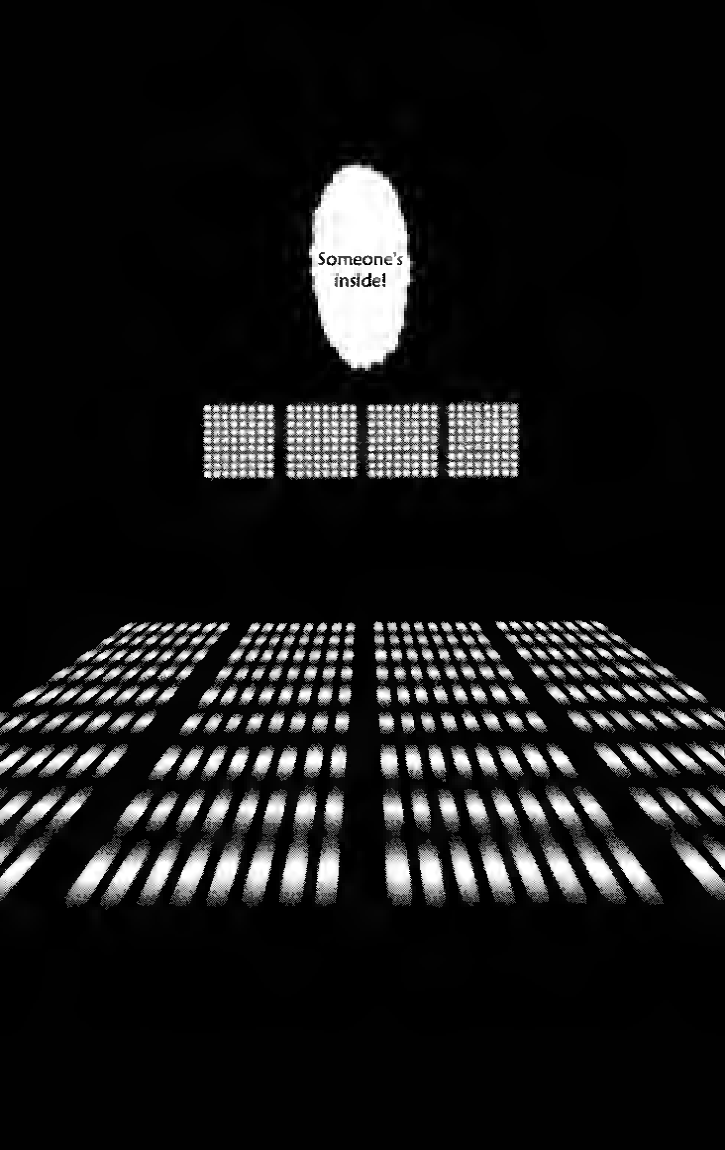
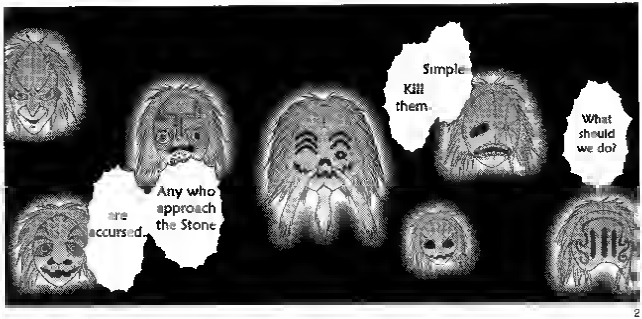

Someone's inside!

...it's two children.
Someone entered the temple...


Any who approach the Stone are accursed.
Simple. Kill them.
What should we do?

ALL OF THEM...
So we kill...

W... what is THAT?

はっ!
I'll tell you about Daddy's book!
オン
It's like... really...
warm...
And bright...
オォオン
...back then, the "sun" made the outside as bright as a lamp, and as warm as a heater...
Long, long ago.. there was a mysterious thing known as a "sun".
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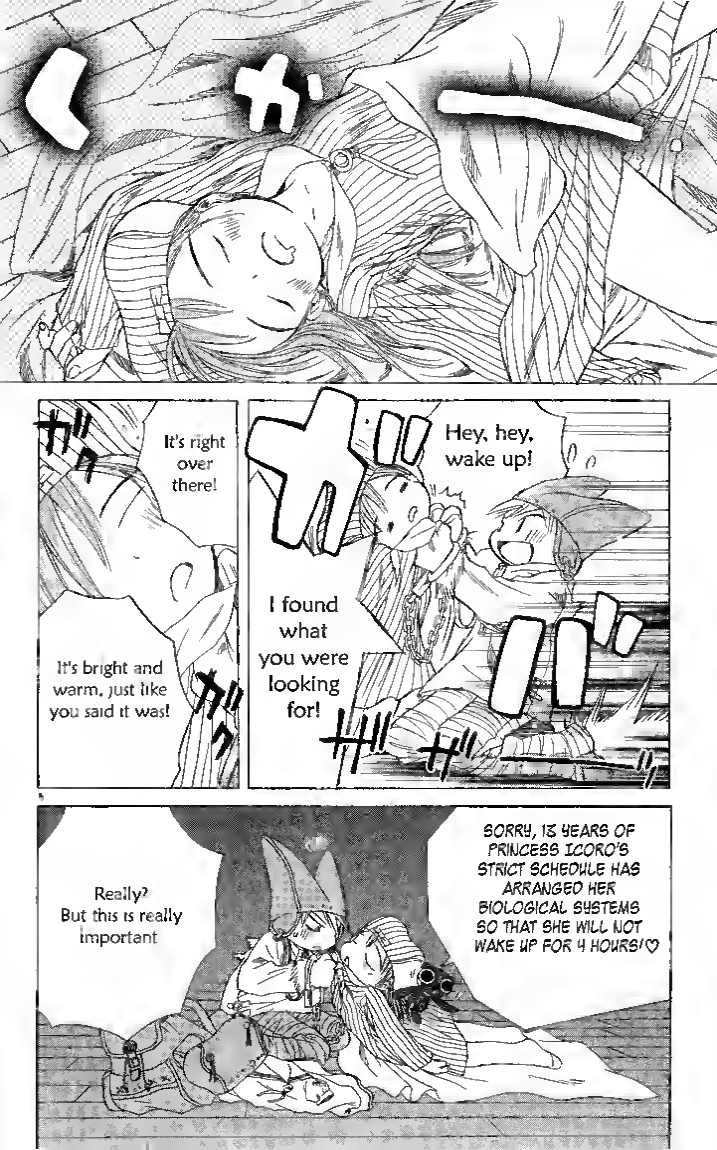
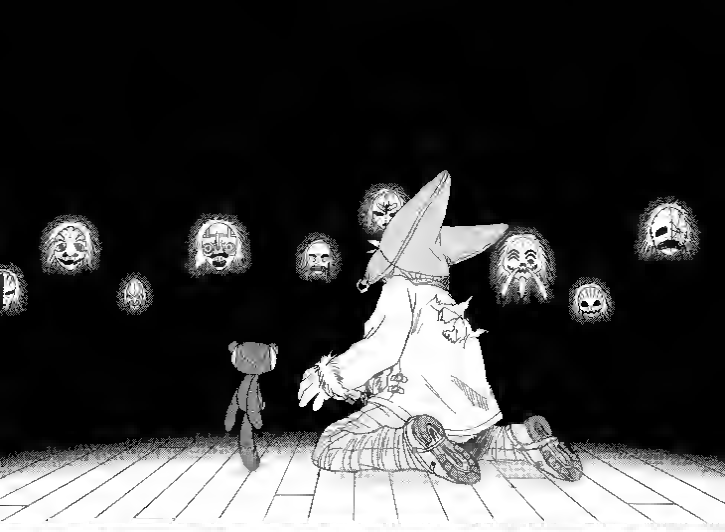
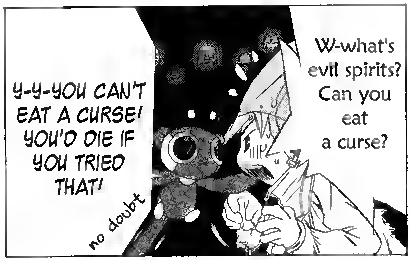
Boy.. We sure found that FAST!!
Could this be a "sun"?!
maybe..?


It's right over there!
It's bright and warm, just like you said it was!
Hey, hey, wake up!
I found what you were looking for!
Really? But this is really important
SORRY, 13 YEARS OF PRINCESS ICORO'S STRICT SCHEDULE HAS ARRANGED HER BIOLOGICAL SYSTEMS SO THAT SHE WILL NOT WAKE UP FOR 4 HOURS!♡

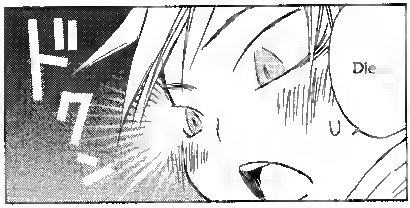
Die?
NYAA~ EVERYONE IN THIS LAND IS GOING TO DIE, BURIED UNDER THE SNOW ♡
HOWEVER
BESIDES, HOW CAN WE FIND IT THIS QUICKLY? THE STORY WOULD BE OVER ALREADY
LISTEN, THE "SUN" IS JUST A LEGEND IT DOESN'T REALLY EXIST
Legend? What's a legend? Can you eat it?
BUT THIS IS A STRICT AND CONFINED COUNTRY, WHERE ADVENTURING AND VISITING OTHER TOWNS WITHOUT LEGAL PERMISSION IS A PUNISHABLE CRI...
.....
disap-pear...
HENCE THE SILLY HOPE THAT A "SUN" WOULD CAUSE ALL THE SNOW HERE TO DISAPPEAR ♡
Sun...
IT IS SAID THAT LONG AGO, THIS "SUN" KEPT THE WORLD ALIVE
!
—NYAA~ WHAT IS IT? WHY DO YOU LOOK SO
Die...
Sun...
...Disappear...



DWAAaa AaAH!
UWOAA AAHH!


W-what's evil spirits? Can you eat a curse?
Y-y-you can't eat a curse! You'd die if you tried that!
no doubt

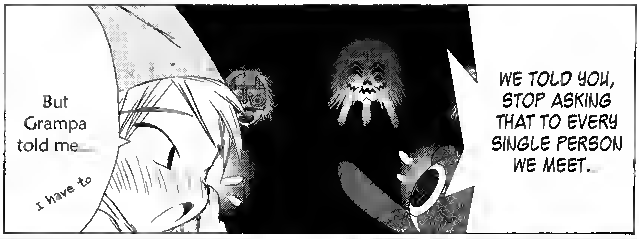
E-evil spirits!
We're gonna be cursed!


ドゥ
Die

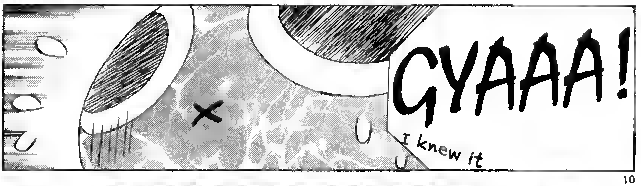
Y... you guys!!
Nyaa~ The evil spirits will slaughter us all!♡
We were doomed the moment we tried to enter this temple!

Do you know what a "sun" is?!

Oh, really? Sorry... I always forget stuff
BESIDES, I THOUGHT YOU WERE ON A MISSION IN SEARCH OF A "HITOGATA"!
Uh. whoops, wrong question.
WHY ARE YOU ASKING THE EVIL SPIRITS?!
Aha, that's it! I remember now!!
Ummmmm... Ummmmm...
Or "foe"?!
Are you "friend"?!


But Grampa told me...
I have to
WE TOLD YOU, STOP ASKING THAT TO EVERY SINGLE PERSON WE MEET.

...
foe
...


GYAAA!
I knew it

foe

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AAAHHH...!! HE'S GONNA KILL THEM!♡
SLAUGHTER SCENE COMIN' UP!!

K... KIDS?

Oh!
This stick looks pretty neat, too...
Whoa!
This is real cool!
!

NYAA~ HE FEELS DANGEROUS!
W-WHAT IS THIS...? THE MOMENT HE TOUCHED THAT WEAPON, HE SEEMED TO CHANGE...
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...fools who defile this holy place...
...we will deliver your sentence in the stead of our holy spirits...
You will pay for your crimes with death...
ギジッ

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To be continued.

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Afterword

This is my first shonen manga

Everyone, child or adult, has *"that one thing they really want above all else."* That one thing they're missing. They want it so bad, they could cry. This is a story of a boy and a girl who go on an adventure to find that little *"piece"* they're missing.

I was born and raised in a snowy place, so this is a story set in a snowy land.

I don't think that childhood years are something to be repeated or left behind, rather, something we simply pass through.
The years that boys and girls pour all their energy into just that one thing they want for that instant, the years when appearances mean nothing and curiosity, adventure and a budding intellect mean everything, the years when anything is allowed.
I want to create a story for boys and girls of this age, about a boy and girl who are striving their hardest to live through the same period of their lives.

The story for *"Kimi no Kakera"* has already been planned out from start to finish. I'm not sure exactly how long it will turn out to be in the end, but the plot itself is not that long. After all, our childhood years are very short and vivid themselves.

The things that can only be achieved in this limited timespan. The things that in our adulthood seem so frivolous and laughable, but were so important back then. The time when the entire world consisted of the few kilometers you could see with your own eyes. I would be delighted if you continue watching our protagonists as they do their best to live the time they can only experience right now.

Two main characters. What are Shuro and Icoro really looking for?

Enjoy this adventure, children and adults alike.

Early winter, 2002. Shin Takahashi